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Prescription for the DOCTOR

By DOROTHY BLACK

YOUNG Dr. Kennard worked in a large aseptic house run for doctors by doctors. Only patients with very special and complicated diseases came there. In a series of rooms that looked to Hannah like the engine-room of a steamer, Dr. Kennard experimented and did a lot of research, and tried all kinds of new and strange drugs on himself, so it was said. Probably enough to make a man a little peculiar. Not that he was peculiar to look at. He was extremely handsome. All that Hannah complained about was that he treated his staff as if they were just other things he saw through a microscope.

There were three of them—Miss Loder, Deirdre, and Hannah—in the outer office, all typing away manfully to try to keep pace with the doctor's immense output of letters, letters, and notes. Miss Loder was in charge, always very ladylike in needs. Miss Loder understood the doctor so well that Hannah had

thought, in the beginning, she ought to marry him. But it transpired she was already married. To someone called Tiff. Which may be why she kept on her maiden name in office hours.

Miss Loder had interviewed Hannah. The doctor never attended to such mundane matters.

"Are you at all interested in medical affairs?" she asked.

If it meant holding basins or mopping up after amputations—no, Hannah said definitely. Miss Loder assured her there was nothing like that about the job. "Dr. Kennard works very hard. He perhaps expects a lot of us all, but that is only because he puts so much of himself into his profession. You must never be ill. He cannot tolerate ill-health. At first he may seem a little inhuman, perhaps."

Hannah looked him up in "Who's Who" when she got home. Alec Alistair Kennard was the only son of Admiral and Lady Kennard, of Wyfield Park.

He was, indeed, a very distinguished surgeon, and one who had already hacked bits off celebrities in all the most expensive nursing homes.

Deirdre was the office beauty. Her hair was red-gold, her complexion



peaches and cream, her eyes forget-me-not blue, her lashes sweeping and dark. She was almost too chocolate-box-lid, thought Hannah.

Deirdre soon let it be known confidentially that Dr. Kennard was deeply smitten. That it was just a matter of time. Of course in office hours he never let it be known. Medical etiquette, said Deirdre, tossing her red-gold mane. "Funny the way men always fall for me," said Deirdre complacently. Hannah said "Oh, do you think so?"

The doctor's room was empty and aseptic. No photographs suggesting human emotions sullied his desk—not even a mother, Hannah noticed.

Fourteen weeks she had been on his staff, but as yet he did not appear to have seen her. On the contrary, he sometimes said good morning to Deirdre, but whether that was because what Deirdre said was true, or because her desk was directly in his line of entrance, who knows?

Sometimes the office rocked with the doctor's rages. Miss Loder merely said, "Take no notice. You'll get used to it, dear. It's only his way of letting off steam. He is always like this after a difficult operation."

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"He's always poisoning himself," Lady Kennard told Hannah calmly, as the butler helped her son into the house.

Leonard James Green - '46

THE GOLDEN CONQUEROR

NEAR the end of the line in Vermont the train stopped frequently, and still she did not get off. The young, quite calm-looking man three seats behind her gave a restless, almost impatient toss to his head.

As the train slowed again he sat looking down at his hands, clamped between grey tweed knees, and felt the cold sweat springing out between them. They were the large-boned hands that look ferocious for being white and weakened.

When the train stopped his glance stole back to her. Make her get off, make her get off this time!

In this same unreasoning way he had prayed, face down, on the Italian hill. . . . Let it end, let it end!

Now, for him at least, it was ended, but he was still unhinged, frantic over the slightest thing. He had never seen this woman before. She did not get off. Her chin still rested in her hand, and the gay little red-rose hat in some miraculous way maintained its balance.

As the train moved on he tried, for the hundredth time since they had left Grand Central, to explain this latest obsession. Had he grown so used to women in uniform that he couldn't take just one ridiculous hat? Or was it the way the tanned neck tapered to the dark brown hair, or the cheek with the faint hollow under its bone?

It was none of these, and he knew it. It was the set of those too-slight shoulders. Somehow they showed courage. They threatened the coward in him.

His long, rather thoughtful face twisted with sudden pain, and he turned his head aside as if from his own image. A casualty mustered without a scar. "Nervous Instability" were the words. They were burned into him. Yet, he might have come through all right. He might have.

Once, even two weeks in a foxhole had been all right, because that other grimy occupant was Doug.

"You'd look swell in a night club about now," Doug would say, and

laugh. Doug always laughed. War was his meat.

That day in Italy they lay feet to head on the hill with some others. Doug was in front. They kept flat, and things were flying all round them. John shifted, oh, not an inch, but Doug's head went up. "Watch it, John," he rapped out, and that was all. An hour later, when they began to crawl on again, Doug didn't move. John butted his foot with his helmet, but Doug lay there. He slipped full length beside him; with both hands he turned Doug over. . . .

He squirmed on the green plush seat and stared out the window.

In New York the doctor had said, "You'll have to learn to believe all over again. That's the biggest thing. After that, the rest will take care of itself." John's papers lay on the desk and the doctor folded them. "There's a quiet little college up in Vermont where they have a two weeks' English course in August."

He said dully, "I don't want a course. I taught English for three years. It isn't credits I need."

"They don't give credits. Go up there and talk about the things that mattered before. If you want to, finish your book on Emerson."

"Emerson!"

"Yes, he's still around." The doctor smiled and stood up. "He's pretty apt to be around when all this is forgotten."

John Harden got to his feet. He held out a hand that was steady for a moment. "All right, sir, I'll make a grab for it."

So here he was, shoved off on this venture with the experimental gesture of someone launching a toy boat in the park. In the bag at his feet was the half-written book, and overhead in the rack his typewriter roosted, but there was nothing in him to pull them together.

The conductor opened the door and called, "Bradford. . . . Bradford."

With the familiar hollow pounding in his heart, John sprang up and caught his things together. With-

By
**SARAH
LITSEY**



He pushed on, feeling weakness sweep over him with the burden of her weight.

lack of will, looked, too; and he felt like someone drowning.

She was talking to Dr. Carver, the president, talking brightly and fast, her dark eyes holding on to his venerable face. Even without the hat he would have known her. He thought of those seven hours on the train. In the crowded day coach they were two who had lost something forever. But she was going on and he had stopped.

After the evening lecture he walked back alone from the auditorium. It was a brilliant night. He stopped on the flagged walk and lit a cigarette. Dr. Carver and the dean strolled up and joined him. The old man viewed the sky like a gentle proprietor.

"Got a fine show for you to-night my boy. Unusual."

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Which sleeve next?



As fashion comes into its own again, will designers revive the tiny puff sleeve of 1818? Or the wide-wristed style of 1857?



Perhaps they will return to the exaggerated leg-o-mutton, or hark back to 1928, when sleeves disappeared altogether!

They may do none of these things. Fashion reflects the ideals and behaviour of its era and designers are responsive to progress in fabric creation. Already in the shops there are such lovely Tootal fabrics as the colour-woven rayon named LOMBIA. They're washable, soft-draping, sun-defying and branded



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Dinner was at six-thirty. The men, being scarce, were distributed with care, one to a table. John found Miss Meeker in command at his, since she had been here before.

Indeed, she said, it was good to be back, but things were changed: Bradford never could be the same without poor Mr. Bishop. Under the spell of Miss Meeker's unlimited verbiage, poor Mr. Bishop began to assume proportions. He had conducted the course in English poetry, and with eminent success. And now Robert Bishop was dead. A hero.

John Harden stared at his plate and tried not to hear. But he heard. Bishop got three Jap planes before he crashed. Mrs. Bishop had planned to teach his course this year; naturally, after that, they said she needn't.

"But the young have courage," Miss Meeker said astutely. "She came anyhow; yes, she did. And she's here this very minute. They were so much in love; we girls always liked to watch them. I declare, it's hard to see her sitting right over there in the same place without him."

"Where? Which one?" The other ladies craned round to see.

Faculty table was midway of the room, long and narrow and seating perhaps thirty.

"That pretty little thing," Miss Meeker said. "The one in the red blouse."

At that point John Harden, from

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Days and Nights

By ...

KONSTANTINE SIMONOV

CAPTAIN SABUROV, young veteran of the Russian war, daringly recaptures three apartment houses in besieged Stalingrad on the order of COLONEL PROTSENKO.

He establishes communications with LIEUTENANT - COLONEL BABCHENKO after setting up temporary headquarters assisted by MASLENNIKOV, his chief of staff. ANYA, a nurse whom Saburov met while crossing the Volga, is attending the wounded on this sector, and visits headquarters during a period of intense fighting. Seeing that she is exhausted, Saburov tells his orderly, PETYA, to prepare her a meal, then leaves her to sleep while he gives a report to his Commissar, VANIN.

Afterwards, he learns that Anya has gone out in the thick of the action to rescue a wounded man. He hurries after her, only to find that stretcher-bearers led by an old soldier, KONTUKOV, are bringing her in, wounded herself.

Saburov kisses her, surprising himself, then in an unaccustomed turmoil of emotion he watches the stretcher-bearers carry her away.

NOW READ ON:-

A PERIOD of relative quiet set in on the sector occupied by Protzenko's division. This might have seemed a well-earned rest if Saburov had not realised that the silence did not mean at all that the Germans had grown tired or given up their attacks.

It simply meant, he knew, that they were now concentrating their strength to the south of his sector and trying to break a path for themselves to the Volga—trying to cut Stalingrad in two.

Day and night, from the south, the crash of artillery carried to them, but here it was quiet; that is, quiet in the Stalingrad sense of the word. From time to time the Germans bombed them. Five or six times a day they dropped a curtain of artillery and mortar fire on the buildings occupied by Saburov.

Sometimes in one place, sometimes in another, handfuls of riflemen tried to edge their way a little forward and to take back some piece of the ruins. But these were feints rather than real fighting. The Germans did only what was necessary to make it impossible to move a single man from here to help out on the sectors to the south.

During these days the battalion settled down to that special life in the midst of siege which astonished new people coming to Stalingrad by its stability, its calm, and sometimes its humor.

The Germans had finally succeeded, after three days of shooting, in destroying the room in which Saburov had earlier set up his quarters. Fortunately, they had only slightly wounded one telephone operator in doing so. Now Saburov had moved to the basement, into what had been the furnace-room.

Without exception, the entire battalion had now moved underground and, as a result, life became neater and more orderly.

In the dugout where the dispatch riders were lodged and where the mail was sorted, someone hung a real post-box on a pillar. It had been picked up from the ruins outside the building. It had everything it should have had: there was the usual inscription "Post-box" and the post office number, and even a slot which opened and closed.

Saburov said jokingly one morn-

ing that the only thing missing was the sign "General Post Office," and this idea apparently pleased the dispatch riders. By evening they had fixed up a little board over the box on which was written in black paint: "General Post Office—Incoming and Outgoing Mail."

One of the soldiers who had been a well-known watchmaker in Odessa before the war fixed up a workroom just like a civilian watch repair shop in his dugout, setting a piece of broken mirror glass in the earthen wall in place of a window.

After the joke with the post office, which pleased the whole battalion, Saburov spelled out neatly on this glass in the same black paint: "Watch Repair Shop—the Exact Time." This was not especially clever, but under trench conditions it rated as a good joke.

For two days Petya was absorbed in the construction of a kind of bath. With the help of the engineers, he built a special dugout. He made a ceiling for it out of several broken doors, constructed out of bricks a flagging of hot stones on which water is thrown in a Russian bath to make steam, and sunk a barrel into the ground for water.

It was pretty smoky in the bath, and dirty, but nowhere had anyone ever bathed with such satisfaction as here. Even Babchenko, who did not usually bath, came here to do so. When he walked out, he said he would bring the commander of the division next time, and he did not forget to add that everything should be in order when the boss came.

Aunt Masha—this was what they called the woman whom Saburov had found at the beginning of their stay in the cellar next to his building—became cook for the battalion. She had made up her mind that the battalion would be here forever and that no one would throw her out.

The morose despair which Saburov had first noticed in her disappeared, and she turned out to be a simple, good-hearted woman. With the almost lightminded temerity which was the salvation of many Russian people in days of danger, she even gave up talking about how one bomb could kill her and her three children all at once.

Now she did not believe the bomb had yet been made which could fall on her or her children.

The chief military operations now took place at night. Little groups of hunters were organised to crawl across the German line trying to catch a "tongue," as they called a prisoner who could be made to talk, or simply to raise a routine nightly disturbance for the Germans.

Two nights in a row, Maslennikov took part in these expeditions. He was still in a hurry to distinguish himself, and he argued that he was obliged to engage in these forays himself—he had to do something when three kilometres to the south his comrades were dying. Saburov knew this feeling, too, but at the same time he foresaw that their time would come, so he held Maslennikov back.

When Maslennikov went on a night raid for the second time, Saburov did not feel he had the right to forbid it, but he quietly called Kontukov and instructed him not to leave Maslennikov and to take care of him.

Kontukov eagerly agreed to go; about Maslennikov he only said: "Don't worry, Comrade Captain, everything will turn out fine."

Kontukov loved working at night. Talking with his comrades, he would express real regret that the Germans had almost given up stringing barbed wire. Once upon a time, he



"Who wants the Chief of Staff?" Saburov heard a voice say behind him.

told them, in the other war, you could creep out and cut it, quietly and quickly, to your heart's content. He had been a specialist at it, and he was bitterly disappointed that he could not show his skill.

On the day following his second night raid, when Maslennikov was still sleeping, Saburov picked up his overcoat and noticed that it was full of holes from shell fragments. During the night a mortar shell had exploded right next to him, and Maslennikov had been saved only by a miracle.

THAT night, when Maslennikov was getting ready to ask permission to go raiding again, Saburov guessed what he was going to ask from the expression on his face, and said: "To-night your work, Comrade Lieutenant, is cut out for the entire night."

"Yes!" Maslennikov said happily. "Yes. You've got your coat to mend."

"My coat?"

"Yes, your coat, and until every hole in it is neatly mended, you go on no more night raids, mark what I say."

Maslennikov had his own sense of humor, but it deserted him when-

ever he began to think that someone was teasing him about his youth. He might have taken it better had it not been that his older half-brother, his mother's son, was a flier with a name so popular that Maslennikov did not like to mention it. In the entire battalion he had told only Saburov about his brother, and this in a sudden burst of confidence.

He was ambitious and vain, but his vanity was the kind for which it is hard to criticise people in time of war. He wanted passionately to become a hero. For this he was ready to accept any assignment, even the most dangerous one. Saburov could still understand Maslennikov and not condemn him. He simply tried as far as he could to hold him in check.

Sometimes Maslennikov seemed to him almost his own son, younger than he by nine years of life and one year of war—and that meant more than ten years younger.

"You know, Misha," he said when Maslennikov grew sulky after his joke about the overcoat, "you know, Misha, sometimes when I want to do something too risky I hold myself back by thinking about the war. It's

going to be a long war, and the longer it is the more valuable people are going to be who have fought from the beginning and lived through to its end.

"If I ever command a regiment, then you'll be commanding a battalion, and it's important you should live until then. You've got to live until then. How about it, don't you see that?"

"No," Maslennikov said impetuously. "For all the others—yes; for myself—no."

"You don't agree," Saburov smiled. "Well, all right. After all, it's not important whether you agree or not. You've got to do what I say, anyhow, so get on with your sewing."

Maslennikov took the overcoat on his knees, smiled, and began to study the holes in it.

On the table the telephone rang. Saburov picked up the receiver.

"Saburov?" he heard Babchenko's voice.

"Yes."

"Turn your battalion over to the commissar. The boss has summoned you. Come at once."

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| 1 tablespoon milk | |

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

By
JOAN POWE

OFTEN in the mad scramble with men for seats in the 5.15 bus home, I find my mind harking back to the glorious days of the Suffragette Movement, when woman was a real force to be contended with.

As the burly stockbroker elbows me determinedly out of the way, crushing my ribs against the railing and knocking my new hat over one eye, I think wistfully how a well-placed blow with an umbrella and the magic cry of "Votes For Women" would have

secured me at least a window seat in the glorious '09's and '10's.

But, alas, the intrepid spirit of the amazons of those days seems to have perished.

To those brave creatures, what was a bruised foot, a crumpled hat, a staggering blow to the solar plexus?

Would they have stood by whimpering piteously while men surged through the only available space into the bus?

Think again, Petunia Brown, and weep for your lost power.

Fearlessly, excitedly even, the woman of that day flung herself into even greater battles than the Battle for the 5.15 p.m. Bus.

Listen to this extract from "The

Suffragette Movement," by E. Sylvia Pankhurst, on the Battle for Parliament Square, which raged for a full day in the latter part of 1908.

"Cordons of police, five deep, were drawn across all the approaches to the square. Deputation after deputation of women came struggling up to the cordon, only to be hurled back and swept into the crowd."

Last part sounds familiar, doesn't it? But did they sink away and whimper over a few bruises, or mutter weakly about writing letters to the papers? Read on a little.

"They came back to the office in ones and twos, bruised and dishevelled, hatless, with hair dragged down, and clothing torn. Some had their corsets ripped off, false teeth knocked out, faces scratched, eyes swollen, noses bleeding."

"There was a pride among them in who had sustained the most injuries for the cause."

O tempora, O mores! The men, of course, did their best in this unequal struggle.

"They struck at them with fists and umbrellas as they were carried struggling by the police," but they didn't stand a chance against women such as Lady Constance Lytton, who whistled away the time in prison by cutting across her chest in large letters the motto, "Votes For Women."

Outstanding figures

OR against many other women of the time. Let's take a look at a few of the outstanding figures whose names have come down to us in Mrs. Pankhurst's account.

There was Mary Leigh, a name to make present-day women start thinking.

While Richard Haldane was speaking against the Movement in the Sun Hall, Liverpool, round about 1908, where was Mary Leigh?

Certainly not in the hall muttering a few derogatory comments, or being pushed around by the crowd outside.

Of course not. She was to be found brandishing a hatchet high up amongst the chimney stacks on a neighboring house, ripping off the slates and hurling them clattering on to the roof of the hall, while her friends shouted at Haldane through a microphone.

Then there was Selma Martin, who lightly tossed a ginger-beer bottle into Lord Asquith's car at Liverpool on December 20, 1908.

Another amazon, "a tall, handsome girl," decided round about 1909 she had been pushed around quite enough by bullies in the crowd, and settled the matter with a dog-whip.

The following day women flocked to the platform to embrace her, one

The Press referred to the women of the day as the most amazing since the time of Boadicea.

crying in fervent devotion. "Let me kiss the hand that used the dog-whip."

There was none of the present-day, effeminate flocking after film stars when the women of the early twentieth century were around.

One famous group of women, on October 28, 1908, chained themselves to the grille in the Ladies' Gallery in Parliament and said a mouthful about the vote.

Compared with them, the recent attempt of Sydney tram conductresses to gain a hearing in the N.S.W. Parliament was most lady-like and well-behaved.

At 4 p.m. on March 1, 1909, well-dressed women in Piccadilly, Regent Street, Trafalgar Square, and districts as far away as Chelsea, suddenly produced large hammers from innocent-looking handbags, and fell to smashing all the shop windows within reach.

I leave you with one more example to ponder over as you timidly ask the butcher if there is any tender steak left, or smile apologetically at the policeman who has warned you against jay-walking, or quail before the eye of the magistrate who has just fined you 10/- for parking.

During the performance of "Jeanne D'Arc," at Covent Garden in December, 1913, four or five suffragettes locked themselves in their opera box, stood up, and calmly addressed the King on the women's vote.

It caused an unprecedented stir. The door was broken down, and the women, of course, dragged off by the police, whereupon hundreds of women in the upper gallery immediately rose to their feet and "rained" suffragette literature in a glorious gesture down on to the unsuspecting heads of the audience below.

And now I must go. If I hurry, I may be able to sneak into the bus before the main mob comes.

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All have seen at least three years' service, and most of the nurses were formerly at hospitals in the Middle East, Egypt, and the islands.

Special issues of fur-lined coats, gloves, and boots have been made to the girls.



LETTER FROM HOME is read by A.A.N.S. Sister Mary Hagel, of Adelaide, to fellow nurses, Sisters Pat Geraghty, of Cairns (left), and Eileen Pegler, of Tasmania.



RELAXING with sewing are Sister B. Bonfield, of Naremburn, N.S.W. (left), and Major E. Abrahams, of Melbourne, pathologist attached to the A.A.M.C., who are with nurses in Japan.

Living in a paper house in Hiro . . .

Our correspondent shares billet near Kure with British girls

By DOROTHY DRAIN

Our special correspondent in Japan

This is the kind of story it's hard to get time to write. Bits of it get into print, bits of it go in personal letters, and flashes remain in the mind. The rest, if you stay long enough in a foreign country, might become commonplace.

So before I get as accustomed to my day's routine as I am to rushing after the trolley bus in Darlinghurst Road, I'll get it on paper.

RIGHT now I'm typing in the Press room at BCOF base. From the floor below, where Army Education has a reading room and shelves full of books ranging from H. V. Morton to James Cain's "For Men Only" and "Common-sense in Home Decoration," strains of Bach and Handel float up from a gramophone.

If they liked they could put on the "Mozart" (which they have), Gilbert's Three Little Maids from School, with their fans, kimonos, and giggles are as near a companion as I can get to the little Japanese who do the work round our house.

Our house at Hiro, five miles out of Kure, is a paper and wood dwelling, indistinguishable from dozens of others in a street lined with now-hollow Lombardy poplars.

I share it with two girls, an Australian Y.W.C.A. worker and a British Ensa (Entertainment National Service Association) secretary.

If I want to find it at night after leaving the Y.W.C.A. mess with its striped cottage-ware furnishings and packing-case fire, I slip through mud puddles or dust, and flash a torch on to chalked-up numbers on the wooden fences.

My room has mats on the floor, a camp stretcher, and cupboards with sliding doors and a bamboo rod for coal-hangers. There's also a desk and a camp stool, and I don't know whose mattress I've got, but I don't ask.

In the morning I'm awakened as the little girls—I don't know their names, but the boys all call most of them *Suzie*—slide the outer wooden wall back and let in the sunshine or fog, as the case may be.

The fire under the bath is lit at high. The bath is a large cement



JAPANESE mother and daughter in Kure street. The troops call nearly all the little girls "Suzie."

tub into which the Jap families used to get one after the other, but we are rather refined and dish the hot water out into a big galvanised-iron washtub. Or, rather, we do if our little girls haven't done it already for us.

In the morning the water's warm enough for what the Australian nurses call a "bird-bath."

Luxury of luxuries, the little Jap girls take off the washing to do, and let me recommend them for as nice an ironed pair of lisle stockings as I ever saw, but we won't mention what they do with a khaki collar.

Yen and sen

INTO the house come two Japanese workmen. Extraordinary to think how terrified I used to be at Japs. They apparently want to mend a wardrobe, but mine's okay, and they go away.

Then I push a torch and a notebook and pencils into my coat pocket, sort out my yen and sen for the fourteenth time in my pocket-book, and have another look to see if my accreditation paper is still there.

We rush down the narrow streets of houses past the red fire-buckets outside each gateway to "the Barn," as the Y.W. girls call their mess.

There are Washies and Y girls, and four Ensa actresses who wear battle-jackets and trousers and caps at a jaunty angle, and scarlet nail-polish, and mascara on their long eyelashes, and we all eat like horses, and people compare it with how food was in India, and wish they could have brought that wizard bearer



KURE—a view of the centre of the city from the area where Australian troops are billeted.



JAPANESE HOUSES crowd on to the narrow streets. Their numbers are chalked on the wooden fences. RAAF sightseers create curiosity among the Japanese civilians.

with them, and ask do the Australian canteens have tinned foods.

Let me say right now, before we go any further, that I'm writing of how it is for a woman correspondent to live in Kure.

I'm not writing of how it is for boys who live in billets or barracks, in damaged warehouses, or officers who share houses, because I see all that, but I see it through my eyes.

I see it as a person who is accustomed to cooking her own food and doing her own washing and lives in a city with a female surplus, which is different.

Up here I have it both ways. As a woman you would need to be decrepit not to get plenty of attention. As a journalist, and therefore an odd fish, you can get round alone if you like.

If there aren't any trucks close by, I step out across the narrow bridge that crosses a river-bed full of vegetable gardens to Hiro's main street, usually inclined to parody the sea-chanty to "Dottie's gone to Hiro."

With a practised eye, I look over the passing vehicles.

Once I thought of hopping on a tram, which is as crowded as on race day and full of Japanese workers and schoolgirls, but was told there's a slight risk of picking up a few vermin, which sent me scuttling back to jeeps.

We bowl past shops over the bad roads, through alummy but fascinating streets of shops to Kure.

By now I know my way to base building where Public Relations is located and to BCOF headquarters. Both are in ex-naval buildings,

have a mad collection of office furniture, and always a vase of flowers.

Some offices are in basements and there is plenty of work being done, including all day Saturday at present and part of Sunday.

Up in the Press room one time or another there are Australian newspaper men, a representative of India Radio, and now and then Japanese journalists.

There are copies of "Mainichi" and "Nippon Times" and "Stars and Stripes," which are full of diverting items, and a BCOF daily paper is on the way.

Cherry blossom

IF I want to comb my hair I can nick across the street to a house occupied by Major O. A. Gillespie, Public Relations, a New Zealander, and usually several pressmen.

There are cherry blossom trees in the garden and the inevitable sliding walls.

Then I take time off to study a map to see where I've been or run down to Army Education to ask a Japanese interpreter for a spelling.

Among the Japanese workers are several who were educated in America.

Military History with a South Australian, Captain Jim Hodge, in charge is along the passage and that's another place that's good for information and help.

I always have a list of where I

want to go, and what I want to do, and usually end up doing something quite different.

By now I know where to get most things, except a favorite cough lozenge which an Australian boy told me he last saw at Alice Springs in 1912. So I'd better give that up.

Cigarettes are like gold—though, of course, there's a ration.

New language

AUSTRALIANS get 48 yen to the pound; the British get 60. So in our money a yen is worth about fivepence theoretically.

But the Japs ask 30 yen for a gaudy handkerchief, and the black market flourishes, though I'm told by the New Zealanders it's not nearly as bad as in Italy.

There are one hundred sen to a yen, and it all comes in paper notes, so work it out for yourself. I don't know what you buy for a sen, I'm sure.

Meanwhile, I'm learning a new language, and it's not Japanese. It's partly the Army's famed initial language.

When you say BCOF, incidentally, you talk of Becoff.

Then there's Soap, Supreme Council of Allied Powers. I use an interpreter for much of this language.

The favorite Australian way of talking Japanese is to put "O" on the end of words—"jeepo" and "presento," for instance—which is infectious.

Besides that, there's all the British slang.

My favorite word, which stems from the R.A.F., and isn't really new, is "clueless." Anyone who is clueless hasn't got a clue. That is, he doesn't know whether it's Monday or Centennial Park.

Other people have "all the clues" which is very useful.

All day I stare and listen. One of these days I am going to come out with some profound summings-up when I'm far enough away not to be contradicted.

So far I've decided: (a) This BCOF is a big experiment, and has all the complications that go with welding forces into one; (b) the mother of the nurse who said: "The Japanese will snub you up there," was a little premature; (c) there are a heck of a lot of Japanese, and plenty more coming on; (d) I hope I can stick around long enough to see how it all works out.

Now I'm back in my room, and any minute now the rats will start running across the ceiling. Travel is certainly broadening.

Our Cover

MATRON MONICA McMahon, whose photograph in color is on our cover this week, is matron of the 120th A.G.H. in Japan.

Matron McMahon, whose home town is Smoko, near Bright (Vic.), trained at Warrarata (Vic.) Base Hospital.

She joined the Army in 1941, and from the 107th A.G.H. at Puckapunyal went to the 47th Camp Hospital at Kaitaki, at the foot of the Kokoda Trail.

She has since been stationed in Western Australia and Brisbane, and for three months before her appointment to Japan had been principal matron of Western Command, W.A.

Matron McMahon's three brothers served in this war—Pte. Jack McMahon (now discharged), Dvr. Edgar McMahon, and Cpl. Jim McMahon (R.A.A.F.).

Other color pictures of A.A.N.S. sisters and members of the A.A.M.W.S. serving with the 120th A.G.H. are on the opposite page.

Editorial

APRIL 27, 1946

ANZAC DAY

ON Anzac Day all Australia is united in pride and mourning for the heroes of two generations.

In every city and township, greying men who wore khaki between 1914 and 1918 will march beside youngsters who have just put off their jungle greens.

Though the ranks of the first great A.I.F. are thinning every year, their memories are not dimming.

This Anzac Day they will look again down the years and see, as if it were only yesterday, that misty Gallipoli beach on which they left so many comrades.

But they look into the future as well as the past, at the living as well as the dead.

They feel compassionate, fatherly interest in the boys of the second A.I.F. to whom they are joined in the special comradeship of shared experience and suffering.

Even more strongly than other citizens, they feel the urgency of rehabilitation problems and, from bitter experience, know the mistakes that were made last time.

From their ranks come the leaders of every movement seeking to make the lot of the returned man easier.

On Anzac Day civilians stand outside a charmed circle of which they can never be a part.

It is essentially the servicemen's day, given over to their memories and reunions. Their special mateship is one lasting reward of service.

But all can share with these men to whom we owe so much the sincere and strenuous efforts needed to make the future worthy of the faith in which they put on uniform seven years or 32 years ago.



THESE PICTURES, taken before and after plastic surgery, are from a casebook, "Plastic Surgery," by George Bankoff. At left is seen the result from an operation on a woman's nose. At the right is a patient whose badly protruding ears were made to lie close to his head.

Plastic surgery lifts minds by changing faces

Dr. George Sava, famous plastic surgeon who is visiting Australia, is convinced that people's lives can be changed if their looks are improved.

"Plainness, even if there is no suggestion of deformity, can produce an unhappy mental effect. It often carries with it a 'nobody-likes-me-everybody-is-against-me-feeling,'" he said.

THE gratitude of men and women who have undergone plastic surgery has been often quite overwhelming," he added.

"I don't think that any plain-faced man or woman should have to stay that way when medical science can help to make him or her attractive."

"Before and after" photographs of Dr. Sava's patients show amazing facial transformations. One girl with a weak chin and dull expression was changed by surgery to a charming, regular-featured young woman. She had a successful stage career and made a happy-ever-after marriage.

Russian-born Dr. Sava, who is also a well-known author, is on leave from his duty in the British Ministry of Health. His wife, a former Sydney girl, Janette Hollingsdale, and their two children, Alexandra and Peter, have come to Australia with him.

"With the end of the war, plastic surgery for beauty has been revived," he said, "and with a difference. Before, it was just lifting the faces of old ladies, but now it has become an important and dignified branch of surgery."

"In many of the big hospitals in England a department of plastic surgery is included as a matter of course."

Tried out in clay

THE day after one was opened in Manchester, 50 outpatients attended for advice.

"Up to the age of 35," Dr. Sava continued, "girls would like to look like film stars. Veronica Lake is a favorite. But, I say, 'you cannot put a Veronica Lake nose on to your face. It is the wrong shape.'"

"More words will not persuade them. They say, 'But I like a retrousse nose.'"

"I have found a very simple way of helping them to choose."

"I make a plaster bust of their faces and I put a retrousse nose on it."

"Nine out of ten patients say the



WAR HERO. Sydney-born, the late F/Lt. Richard Hillary, R.A.F., underwent plastic surgery at a hospital where Dr. Sava worked. This picture was taken after the operation.

nose does not suit after all, and to gether we decide on another."

Plastic surgery for a whim is strongly discouraged, says Dr. Sava.

Before a surgeon operates he tells the patient plainly that it will mean pain and discomfort, which must be justified by the result.

Scarring is a problem. If the operation is to be on the face, scars can be placed so that they will not show. In the case of legs and hands, scar-placing is more difficult.

"When we operate on hands we are on dangerous ground," said Dr. Sava, "and except in cases of deformity or injury such an operation is rarely performed."

"It is a strange fact that, after faces, hands are what most patients like to have altered. Fat legs can be made shapely, but here scarring is a consideration."

"Everyone scars differently. It is usual to make a pre-operation test with a small incision."

"Scars from other operations are

PLASTIC SURGERY reduced this ugly protruding jaw to a neat, well-shaped chin which completely changes the looks of this woman.

often brought to a plastic surgeon to be obliterated by a skin graft.

"Quite often young ladies come to have their operation scars removed," he said.

A new development in the technique of plastic surgery is the discovery of a means of making a culture of skin. Removed from the body, it can now be kept alive in a special medium.

Previously skin only from the body of the person to be operated upon was of any use for a graft. The only exception was in the case of identical twins.

Skin groups

NOW skin can be tested and put into groups, and the time will come when there will be skin donors as to-day there are blood donors.

A "skin bank" would be of inestimable value to a plastic surgeon, said Dr. Sava.

"Skin loses its identity when it is removed from a body and becomes just live tissue, but it rapidly takes on the character of the surrounding skin when it is grafted on to another body."

During the war and the London blitz, surgeons had little time to devote to the beauty-giving side of their work. They were too much concerned with repairing damage done by fire and bomb.

In London Dr. Sava was in charge of the Emergency Medical Service and operated on casualties regularly two days a week.

He worked for some time with Dr. Archibald MacIndoe at his hospital at East Grinstead. Dr. MacIndoe is a New Zealander whose saline bath treatment for burns has been almost universally adopted.

One of his patients while Dr. Sava was with him was Flight-Lieutenant Richard Hillary, whose book, "The Last Enemy," told in vivid detail how plastic surgery restored his terribly burned body.

Interesting People



LT.-GEN. J. F. EVETTS

... rocket research

ONE of most important scientific visitors in Australia's history is tall, genial soldier Lieut.-General J. F. Evetts, leader of British rocket-bomb experimental mission here to inquire into establishing of rocket experimental station. His report is favorable it may have far-reaching effect on Commonwealth's future defence plans and on use of rockets for civil purposes, such as carrying express mails. Since 1942 General Evetts has been chief military adviser to British Ministry of Supply, which is carrying out Britain's research into rockets.



MISS BEATRICE BLAIR

... teaching incapacitated

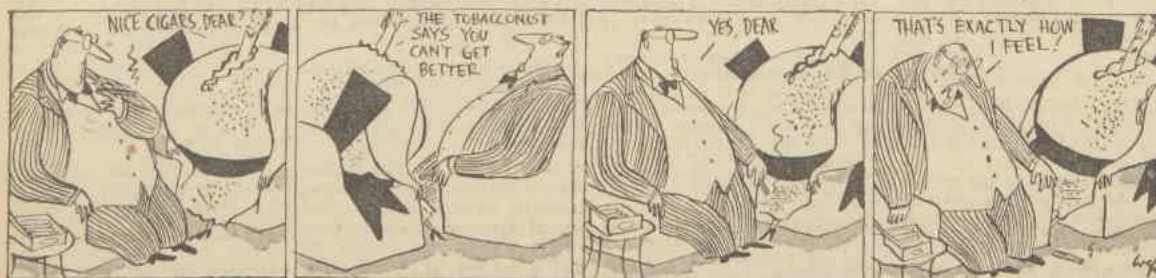
FIRST Red Cross handicraft worker appointed to go into incapacitated ex-servicemen's homes to teach them crafts is Miss Beatrice Blair, Melbourne. Her work is part of the Red Cross scheme of caring for sick servicemen in postwar. In her small car she covers an area of 30 square miles, carries bag of sample work and materials. Pupils include men from both World Wars. She has done craftwork with Red Cross for last two years.



MAJOR A. DRIVER

... N.T. Administration

NEW Administrator of Northern Territory is thirty-six-year-old Western Australian engineer Major Arthur Driver. Alice Springs residents received news of appointment with cheers, as he will inaugurate big works programme, including rebuilding of war-damaged Darwin. Has had wide experience of irrigation, drainage, and water supply. Served as sapper with A.I.F. in Islands, rose from private to rank of major. Educated in Perth, was a Hackett-Bursary winner and prominent athlete at W.A. University.



IN AND OUT OF SOCIETY . . . By Wep.



To have the honor

THIS picture shows the impressive scene in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney when 70 debutantes were presented to the Governor-General, the Duke of Gloucester.

The occasion was the University Settlement Ball, which has not been held since 1941. It was the first time debutantes have been presented to the Duke.

Dignity, color, and pageantry marked the scene. The Great Hall, brilliantly lit, had an appearance of a beautifully woven Gobelin tapestry.

Professors wearing their colorful academic robes, women in formal evening attire, together with debutantes in frothy, white gowns and men in uniform, made

an unforgettable picture. Proud parents sat on either side of the Great Hall and watched their daughters slowly walk up the long, red carpet to be presented to the Duke on the dais.

When the last debutante had given her graceful, sweeping curtsy, the carpet was rolled up and the debutantes with their partners whirled to an old-fashioned waltz. At its conclusion, the Duke, together with his staff; the Chancellor, Sir Charles Blackburn; and guests adjourned to the Union Refectory, where dancing was held.

The ball, which is the first of its kind to be held since the war years in Sydney, marks the beginning of the more formal postwar social events.

Prescription for the Doctor

WEEK-ENDS gave very little respite from work. One or other of the girls had to be on duty on Saturdays and Sundays, so they took it in turns. Hannah didn't care. Her home was far off in Scotland. She had few friends in London.

Sometimes Hannah saw Deirdre diligently missing the bus at the corner, and gathered the doctor picked her up and took her somewhere in his black and silver car. Well, it was nice to know he had a human side. That was about all Hannah thought of it. With winks and nods, Deirdre inferred high links. "Coo, what a time we had last night," or "He's different as different with me."

It was three days before Easter. Some important experiment was going on, and one or other of them would have to be on duty over the holidays. Miss Loder had just broken the news.

"Over Easter! . . ." Deirdre's face went blank. "Oh, I don't call it fair. I really don't."

There wasn't exactly a holiday atmosphere in the office that afternoon.

Distant sounds, suggesting that the lions had got at the Christians at last, came from the inner room. Dr. Kennard was in one of his rages again.

At three o'clock Deirdre suddenly held her head, reeled in a rather enchanting manner, and fainted.

There was a lot of rushing for sal volatile. Miss Loder knew she had, but didn't know where it was. Hannah was sent for water. She was standing holding the jug and looking at Deirdre, thinking it queer how rosy she looked, when Dr. Kennard came in.

"What's this?" he demanded.

"She's fainted," said Miss Loder.

"Fainted?" said the doctor. "How dare she faint here!" He seized the jug of water from Hannah and stood over the prone Deirdre. "Get up," he said. "Get up at once if you don't want this down your neck."

Deirdre got up with surprising briskness.

"If you aren't well, go home," said the doctor, and slammed the door behind him.

He's inhuman, thought Hannah. But then she wondered. The trouble was she had worked for a bit on Intelligence, and it does tickle up your notions and give you ideas. Supposing it was just a put-up job between Deirdre and the doctor (who loved her) to give her a little extra time off that he couldn't very well do otherwise? Well, honi soit qui mal y pense, thought Hannah piously.

Deirdre put on her hat and coat and staggered out.

"Oh, dear, that means she's off for at least a week. She did the same thing last Easter. Now you and I will have to take the holiday between us. I don't know what Tiff will say," Miss Loder wailed.

"I'll come on Deirdre's days as well as my own. I can't get home, so it doesn't matter to me," said Hannah truthfully.

She lived in what was called a furnished flatlet. It was really just a bed-sitting-room with a gas-ring in a cupboard and a bed so cleverly hidden that no beginner could possibly have found it.

On Good Friday Hannah let herself into the office, quite expecting to find herself there alone. She was surprised to find Dr. Kennard standing by the window.

"Get some water," he said urgently. And fainted.

Hannah stood looking down at him, horrified. There was far too much of him for her to handle. She took off his tie and loosened his collar. She hung the tie carefully over a chair back and ran for water. Maybe it was sheer terror at being alone with all that prone form that did it. She stood over him and said angrily:

"Get up. Get up at once, or I'll throw this water down your neck."

Dr. Kennard certainly responded all right to his own treatment. He sat up. He took a drink of water, and saved back the mug with the air of one who lays it on a handy shelf.

"Turn on the light, will you?"

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She turned it on.

"Am I at all spotty?" asked the doctor urgently.

She peered at him, then clapped her hand to her mouth.

"Measles!" gasped Hannah, recoiling.

"Nothing of the sort," said the doctor impatiently. "It's merely the result of an experiment. I half expected it. Only it's turned out rather worse. . . . Devilish awkward. . . ."

"Shall I phone Miss Loder?" asked Hannah, backing.

"No," he snapped.

"Or Deirdre?"

"Good heavens, no! Be quiet, woman. Let me think." After an interval of thought he said: "You must get me out of this. Can you drive a car? Thank goodness. . . . here's the key. I'll meet you at the side door."

It was all Hannah could do not to burst out laughing when she drove his car to the side door and found him waiting for her. He had swathed himself in a rather vivid blue blanket with a red stripe in it, and crowned this costume with his usual black Hornburg hat. Mercifully, the war had accustomed people to odd figures on the pavement. No one took the slightest notice. No doubt they wrote him down as another of those Eastern potentates.

There ensued a strangely disjointed conversation. It lacked connection because the doctor apparently kept passing out and coming to again just in time to say,

"First left," or "Right," as the case might be.

"Where we are going?" asked Hannah.

"Back to mother," said the doctor. "You mustn't be put off by her. She is a little eccentric."

Like mother, like son, thought Hannah.

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WORTH Reporting

WERE getting ready to give some advice to a young man who's likely to be in trouble at any moment. He happens to be in love with a New Zealand girl who, unfortunately, for family reasons, must go home as soon as she can get a passage.

The young man is back again at his pre-war job with a shipping company, and it's only a matter of time before the girl discovers just who it is who keeps crossing her name off the passenger list.

Czech conductor

SIZABLE biceps of visiting Czechoslovakian conductor Walter Susskind considerably impressed members of the A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra at first rehearsals for the Sydney concert season.

After the exhaustive morning's work—Susskind arrived from England in time for only two days' rehearsals before the first concert—one of the women players gasped:

"Well, we've had a few conductors here, but never biceps like that behind a baton."

The remark amused the well-built, good-looking, young conductor as he tucked his baton away and settled down in his rehearsal logs of short-sleeved shirt and faithful old sports slacks to a brief revival of salad and coffee.

"Well, anyway, they're useful for keeping off irate players and audiences," the young maestro of 33 years grinned.

"Most people usually suspect from the muscles that I do a spot of secret boxing or lumbet-jacking."

"I was a sailing and outdoor sport fan in my student days on the Continent, but, believe me, those biceps are entirely the result of conducting."

A MAN we know had a nice letter from a wine merchant. It was signed, "Yours cordially."

Alphabetical order

(To prevent confusion arising from varying local times, a global time system, using letters of the alphabet to represent the hours, was suggested to UNO.)

IM sorry, my dear, I'm so late. For so very important a date. But when you said meet me at "Q."

I was quite at a loss what to do. And stood for an hour or so in the queue for the cinema show.

In future, perhaps 'twould be better.

If you chose for our meeting a letter.

Not half so ambiguous. Let's see.

Can you meet me to-morrow at "T"?

—LARRY BOYS.

Convict relic

GOING through some old junk left on the property by the previous owner, a farmer, Mr. A. Gardiner, of Claremont, Victoria, near Blayney, N.S.W., came across a large wooden door with a tiny grille, five inches by eight, let in near the top.

Closer examination showed that the nails in the door were hand-made. The hinges, which were large and unwieldy, were also found to be hand-forged.

When he made inquiries, he learnt that it was the door from the condemned cell in the old Bathurst gaol.

It had been acquired by the previous owner when the gaol was rebuilt, and had been left, forgotten, in a shed on the property for many years.

Mr. Gardiner will give it to a museum as a relic of early convict days.

Meanwhile, it provides a source of entertainment to youngsters round the district who try out what it feels like to "look out on the world from behind iron bars."

Sheer news

THE cabled news from London that stockings are promised of a very material so sheer that it is possible to read newspaper through them certainly intrigued us.

We could hardly wait to get to the office to experiment with our own old rayons.

We tried out a heading firm, and found it to be perfectly legible. A small ad was next. Every letter was clearly visible.

We then settled down to do some steady reading. Shipping notes, literary results, comic strips, and social jottings all made the grade.

We probably would have kept at it all day but for someone saying, "why?"

It then occurred to us that the women of England will be glad to have sheer stockings just to wear them.

Historical sites

THE seaside town of Glenelg, in Adelaide, has an interesting link with the past. At 58 Penzance Street once stood the home of the poet Adam Lindsay Gordon.

Thirty years ago, the house was demolished, but three bricks were kept and placed in a conspicuous position on the front verandah of the present house. The bricks bear the initials, "A.L.G."

The house is known as Dingley Dell, after Gordon's famous old cottage at Mount Gambier.

Another historical site in Glenelg is the gnarled trunk of a once-flourishing gum-tree.

At this spot, more than 100 years ago, Governor Hindmarsh proclaimed South Australia a colony.

THE man who dressed the window of a newly opened antique shop in Manly, N.S.W., obviously has a sense of humor.

Alongside the rare old Chinese bowls, crystal, and jewels is a bottle of beer.

Victory march plans

A MESSAGE from our London office says that the deep air-raid shelters which once protected the Londoners during the blitz will be used to accommodate the people who miss the last train home after the Victory March on June 8.

Although London will be gay than she has been for years, there won't be much chance of extra food.

Out-of-town visitors are advised to bring their own food and thermos flasks with hot drinks.

The first march rehearsals have already been held. The object was to check the time taken by a marching column on the route from Marble Arch to the saluting base in the Mall.

Time was exactly one hour.



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DEBUTANTE WALTZ. Jean Tanka is whirled round the floor in the Great Hall at the University of Sydney by her partner, Allan Williams, wearing robes, after the presentation of debutantes to the Duke of Gloucester at University Settlement Ball.



THREE-TIERED wedding cake cut with sword by Lieut. Ian Roberts ANGAS, and his bride, formerly Betty Johnston, of West Maitland. Couple marry at St. Philip's, Church Hill. Bridesmaid, Mary Loveband, R.A.A.F. nursing sister.



CELEBRATING ENGAGEMENT. Marie Louise Stuart Doyle and her fiance, Brian Bowell, celebrate at dinner at Prince's when they announce engagement. Marie Louise is only child of late Mr. Stuart Doyle and of Mrs. Stuart Doyle, of Wahroonga. Brian is second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bowell, of Lindfield.

Intimate Gossipings

EVEN feminine interest in Easter fashion is left at the post compared with interest when news gets round that the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend Royal Randwick on Easter Monday.

The Duke and Duchess have not previously attended Randwick—in fact, the only race meetings they have been to during their stay in Australia were a meeting in Tasmania and recently their visit to the Yass Picnic Races.

The Duke accepts the Committee's invitation to lunch, and the Duchess invites guests to lunch with her, and later other guests are invited to afternoon tea.

Country folk well to the fore among luncheon guests, including Mrs. Pat Osborne, of Willeroo, Tarago; Mrs. George Main, The Retreat, Illabo; Mrs. R. C. Allen; Bob Ashton, The Checkers, Cargo; Mr. and Mrs. W. Horsley, Gundaheral, Tumblong; Thelma McMaster, Dalkeith, Cassilis; and Major Tony A. Shepherd, the David Prattens.



TO WED THIS SATURDAY. Walter Melville and his bride-to-be, Marjorie Laurie, who plan marriage at St. Canice's Church, Roslyn Gardens, this Saturday.



MEAL FOR A HERO. Pilot-Officer Keith Chisholm, D.F.C., R.A.A.F., was presented with the Military Cross by the Duke of Gloucester at Government House. Keith chats with Beth Wake in grounds of Government House after the ceremony.

AMONG the afternoon tea guests invited are the secretary of the A.J.C., Mr. George Rowe, and Mrs. Rowe; Captain Leon Lyons; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Thompson, of Stoneleigh, Wilberforce; Mr. H. L. Carter; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tait, sen., of Neerim, Bowral; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Mackay; Mr. and Mrs. N. Body, of Strathbogie, Emmaville; Ben Arnott; and Mrs. F. Bragg, of Aberdeen.

OVER from Melbourne for the races is Mrs. Louis Nelken, who stays at Australia. Her husband is unable to accompany her to Sydney on this occasion, as he is away in America on a business trip. Mrs. E. J. Watt and Mrs. Nigel Smith—who were the house-guests of Mrs. Nelken at her lovely home, Cloyne, Torak, last Cup time—will both entertain her at small post-Easter parties in their homes.

PUNTING AT RANDWICK. Nan Connor (left), Sheila Connor, Lila Schwarz, and Patricia Aboud were four members of Sydney's younger set to attend races.

INTERESTING engagement is that of Myra Dodd, eighteen-year-old radio actress, to Sergeant Bob Allen, A.I.F. Myra is younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dodd, of Darling Point, and Bob is elder son of Major-General and Mrs. A. S. Allen, of Cairo, formerly of Sydney. Myra will be bridesmaid in June at her sister Valerie's wedding at St. Philip's, Church Hill, when she marries John Todd, of Northbridge.

MEET Patricia Mewton, gifted pianist, and find her thrilled with her new gown—a Worth copy in ivory moire trimmed with hand-made true-lovers' knots—which she will wear at her recital at the Conservatorium on May 1.

HEARTY congratulations on all sides for Private Frank Partridge, V.C., in the grounds of Government House after the investiture by the Duke of Gloucester.

Frank comes with his father, Mr. P. J. Partridge; and his brother, Mr. R. J. Partridge, accompanied him to Government House for the occasion.

Frank leaves for England soon on H.M.A.S. Shropshire, to take part in the Victory March in England.

"It'll be Frank's first opportunity to meet his mother's people," Mr. Partridge tells me. "I was a Digger in the last war, and brought back an English bride," he adds.



HOPING FOR A WIN. Pretty Anne Crowley attended races with John Harding. Flight is owned by father, Mr. Brian Crowley, of Merrywinebone.



COMMITTEE FOR DANCE. Attractive lasses Pat Girling (left), Sheila Moss, and Lorna Wright are planning dance at White City for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind children this Saturday night.

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As I Read the STARS by JUNE MARSDEN

A GOOD week is ahead for Taurians, Capricornians, and Virgoans, who are advised to plan well to achieve gains, promotions, and happiness. Many Cancerians and Pisceans will also find this period very pleasant, but Aquarians, Leonians, and Scorpios will experience worry and frustration and should live quietly.

The Daily Diary

HERE is my astrological review for the week:

ARIES (March 21 to April 21): Past good work brings results now. April 24 and 25 (early and late) poor, but 26 (to 5 p.m.) and 30 (to noon) both quite good.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 21): April 21 and 24 good, but April 25 very tricky. Seek progress on April 27 (noon to 5 p.m.), 28 (midday and evening), and 30 (to 5 p.m.).

GEMINI (May 22 to June 22): April 25 confusing, so be wary. April 26 (to noon) fair, 27 and 28 poor. April 29 (to 5 p.m.) and 30 (to noon) helpful.

CANCER (June 23 to July 23): Affairs improve now. April 25 (early



"Anything I can show you, sir?"

and late) and 26 (to noon) fair. April 27 and 28 good. **LEO** (July 23 to August 24): Take things quietly now, and avoid disaster. April 23 (evening), 24 and 25 (afternoon), all difficult. Worst of April 26.

VIRGO (August 24 to Sept. 23): Keep busy and seek gains. April 27 and 28 (to dusk) good, 29 tricky. April 30 (to noon), 27, and 30 (to noon) fair.

LUNA (Sept. 21 to Oct. 24): Conditions remain too avoid rashness. April 22, 23, 24, and 26 all poor. April 28 very tricky. April 29 (to noon) fair.

MERCURY (Oct. 24 to Nov. 23): Beware indiscretions and changes now, especially on April 24. April 23 and 24 (evening), 25 and 26 (to noon), all very poor.

MAJESTY (Nov. 23 to Dec. 23): April 24 (to noon), 28, and 30 (to noon) same, but do not rely on luck. Rest of week poor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Plan ahead and work hard. April 22, 24, 26 (to noon), 27 (afternoon), and 28 (to noon) all good.

QUADRANT (Jan. 20 to Feb. 19): Beware trials of all kinds now, especially on April 24. Rejoice work ahead.

PROCES (Feb. 19 to March 21): Modest gains possible. April 22, 24, 26 (to noon), 27 and 28 (to noon) all very fair.

The Australian Women's Weekly presents its astrological diary as a matter of interest, without accepting responsibility for the statements contained in it. June Marsden regrets that she is unable to cover any others.—Editor, A.W.W.

YOUR COUPONS

TEX: 27 to 48 (to 30 expire May 31).
SUDAN: 18 to 24 (to 30 current).
BUTTER: 24 to 30 (expire May 31).
MEAT: Bacon, 28 to 34 (to 30 May 31);
and green 30, 31, 32 and 33 (to 30 May 31).
CLOTHES: 21-54, 207-112.



Mandrake the Magician



MANDRAKE: Master magician, and **LOTHAR:** His giant Nubian servant, are helping **BETTY GRAY:** In a world-wide hunt for clues to her uncle's fortune. With each clue is one number, part of the combination of the safe where the fortune is locked. In his will he bequeathed the money to whoever found all the clues first, Betty or her cousins, **AUGUSTA:** Who wants Betty out of the hunt.

KARL: Who has tired of the chase, and **PETER:** Who has joined forces with Betty, Mandrake and Lothar. Augusta enlisted the aid of **KRAG:** A power in the South Seas, who tells the natives of Cerebi Island, where the fourth clue is hidden, that Mandrake wants to take their idol. The clue is hidden behind the idol's eye, and Mandrake tries to get it. **NOW READ ON:**



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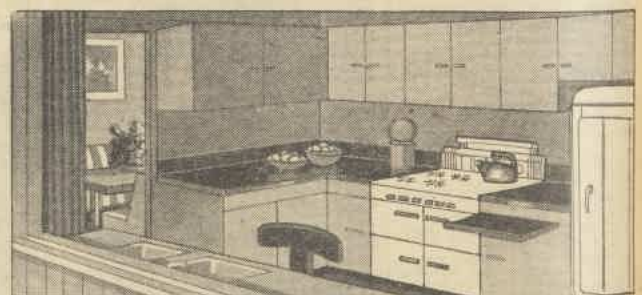
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Prescription for the Doctor

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WHEN the doctor came round, he asked, "By the way, who are you? I don't seem to have the pleasure..."

"I am Hannah Brown. One of your secretaries..."

"Is that so? Fancy. I don't seem to have seen you before."

"No," said Hannah dryly, "I thought you hadn't. I've only been on your staff fourteen weeks."

"Where is my tie?" What have you done with my tie?" said the doctor, feeling for it with sudden trembling.

"Be calm. It's hanging on your chair."

"If I hold up my hand, stop immediately. It means I am going to be sick."

"If you dare to be sick I shall get on and walk away," said Hannah. "There is a limit to what a girl can take."

He heaved a deep sigh. "I thought you might be the kind who'd croon and hold my hand. The natural and proper reaction to illness, I always think is disgust."

"You are talking nonsense."

"This is my car. I shall say what I like in it," said the doctor. He slipped into sudden gloom. "The worst of it is, I may go blue before this clears up."

"Never mind," said Hannah. "It might be an improvement."

The rest of their journey was uneventful in chilly silence.

Hannah could never quite remember what she had expected the doctor's mother to be like. Lady Kennard had a mop of snow-white hair, and she carried under one arm a snow-white peke.

"I have brought your son home. He's not well," said Hannah shyly. Lady Kennard peered into the car like someone unexpectedly presented with a cheetah in a cage.

"Good heavens, has he done it again?" she said as her son and Hannah got out of the car. Calmly, she continued, "He's always poisoning himself, that boy. I've told him a dozen times. Dear me, what a dreadful sight. Bowler, take the doctor away at once and put him to bed."

A portly butler was already helping the doctor into the house.

"Thank goodness he's found a nice girl to take care of him at last," said Lady Kennard. She gave Hannah a smacking kiss and trotted on another pekingese which she kicked away briskly. "Park the car, darling, and I'll show you your room."

"But I've got to get back," said Hannah.

"Nonsense! You must spend Easter with us. What would Alec say if he came round and found I'd let his best girl go away?"

"But I'm not—" began Hannah.

"Ever since the admiral went up north," said Lady Kennard, taking not the slightest notice, "I have longed for a daughter. And at last Alec has done a sensible thing. Alec is so like his father. Vague, and not very sensible. He needs a wife."

"But, Lady Kennard—" said Hannah horrified.

"Even on our honeymoon the admiral kept forgetting things. Believe it or not, he entered us in the village book as Captain Kennard and Miss Chaseworthy! Naturally, when we ran into friends of his they were a little chilly. The women drew their skirts aside. We had skrews you could draw in those days."

"Please, Lady Kennard, do listen—"

"Now, this is your little room, dear," cried Lady Kennard. "I had always intended it for my daughter-in-law. Don't thank me. Don't thank me... It's sheer fun."

Hannah gulped.

It was a great deal funnier, she thought, than her hostess realised. But the room was sweet. The luxurious bed, upholstered in pink and silver, awaited her. Hannah came back, remembering sundry iron couches in Wrenneries, and those cement mattresses known as blue-cups, which were supposed to fit together and sometimes did.

Fate was now throwing something so entirely different in her path. "Wouldn't it be a pity to let it go?" "I have no luggage," she said, weakening.

"Oh, we'll soon fit you out. I shall enjoy fitting you out. I adore young society," said Lady Kennard. "That's one of the hardships of growing old, you know. The young people regard you as something on a shelf."

So you have to make do with dogs. But I don't really like dogs, you know," said Lady Kennard, edging one absent-mindedly out of her path.

Hannah sat down when the door closed behind her talkative hostess. She felt utterly bemused. Quite obviously it was useless to try explaining anything to Lady Kennard, who, apart from never having any time to listen, was presumably also slightly deaf.

Well, there was a surprise brewing for the doctor. Maybe he could handle his mother.

"I expect she takes me for Deirdre," thought Hannah. There was evidently something in Deirdre's tales.

"You mean to say he hasn't given you a ring?" cried Lady Kennard at dinner. (Soup with asparagus in it, fried fish and mushrooms, fresh fruit and cream.) Hannah thought of the might-have-been in the shape of a sausage fried on the gas ring, and said a passionate grace.

"Well, you see—"

"He gets more and more like his father. Do you know, every time the admiral went to sea, I felt he might completely forget to come back. Strange how these things run in families..."

After dinner she swept Hannah upstairs to a sumptuous dressing-room. Before she knew where she was, Hannah found the third finger on her left hand corralled in a handsome half-hoop of diamonds. She was speechless.

She stood later that night, wearing satin pyjamas and a scarlet kimono trimmed with dragons with crafty eyes, surveying this unexpected addition to her hand. To a girl with a sense of fun, the situation now had possibilities.

What would the doctor say when he came round? He certainly had a surprise coming to him.

Inquiries next morning brought the assurance that Alec was a lot

better. "Better, but still slightly blue," said his mother briskly. She seemed to take these things as they came, quite untroubled by them. Until the doctor emerged completely from his blue and spotty stage, there was, thought Hannah, nothing to be done but enjoy oneself. Looking forward to the explanations, that must be made before Thursday, when she was due back at work.

Easter Sunday night, quite without any warning, Dr. Kennard appeared. He looked slightly pale, but otherwise quite himself. A tweed suit gave him a slightly more human air than was usual. In he walked, for all the world as though he had just been out for a short stroll.

"Ah, there you are!" said his mother. "Glad to see you, dear boy! It's been wonderful having Hannah to keep me company."

"Hannah?" said the doctor a trifle vaguely. Then he saw her.

"Are you going to kiss her?" said his mother.

"Of course," said the doctor obligingly. He did so. Kissed her with unexpected warmth, right on the lips. Then he stood, looking slightly startled, scratching his head.

"Now I must leave you two turtle doves together." His mother patted his shoulder briskly. "The best thing you ever did, Alec. Quite the best."

Utter bewilderment that was not unkindly seized the doctor. He gave Hannah a quick, anxious look, then hummed a little tune, and picked up ornaments off the mantelpiece. Very carefully, one by one, he examined them and put them down again.

"I wonder—could you perhaps tell me what all this means. Did I—er—say anything unusual the other day?"

He looked down and saw the ring on her finger and gulped.

"I never—" began Dr. Kennard. Hannah's sense of humor got the better of her and she began to laugh.

THE LITTLE SCOUTS



"Did we pass our cooking test, Mr. Johnson?"

gas-ring," she said solemnly, thanking him for the kind thought. It was amazing how much they had in common, including the ability to laugh a lot at nothing very much.

I shall be sorry, thought Hannah, when this is over.

Early in the morning three days later Lady Kennard packed them into the car with a lot of good advice.

"Now do see he doesn't try any more of his terrible experiments on himself, won't you, dear? Bring her back again soon, Alec—the very best thing you ever did."

"Well!" said Hannah, turning the car out of the wide gates, not without regret at the end of this pleasant fairy tale, "that's that!"

The doctor said nothing at all. They drove slowly along the slipper roads toward London. Just before they reached the by-pass the doctor said suddenly: "Stop!"

Hannah looked at him anxiously. "You're surely not going to be sick."

"No. I have thought of something. My mother hardly ever opens letters. That is always the first thing I have to do when I go home. Open stacks of letters she hasn't paid any attention to. So it would hardly be any use my writing, explaining anything to her."

"Then you must telephone."

The doctor said, "Have a cigarette? No? You don't smoke. Good thing. I loathe the women who smell of tobacco. We have quite a lot in common, haven't we, Hannah? We both hate illness and dislike people who faint here, there, and everywhere. A mug of water down the neck and no crooning."

Hannah sat back. "Just exactly what is it you are driving at, Dr. Kennard?" she asked patiently.

"I just thought," he said earnestly, "that it might save a lot of trouble and bother, one way and another, that is, if you don't mind, if we just went on and got married. Quite simply."

"Well!" said Hannah, her eyes blazing. "Of all the crazy suggestions. If you think I am going to marry anyone simply to save them a lot of bother..."

She prepared to switch the engine on, but he caught her hand.

"Hannah, please listen. I didn't mean that. I'm no good at this sort of thing, no good at all. What I really mean is—that kiss. It's—I liked it a lot, Hannah. I'd like to repeat it. I've been lying awake at night, thinking how much I'd like to repeat it. But, of course, I quite realise that you may not have the same feeling."

He looked hot and bothered, and somehow lost and forlorn. Before she realised it, he had her in his arms, and he kissed her again.

"Oh!" said Hannah softly. She lay very still in his arms, in some amazement.

"If you could possibly ever learn to care for me..." said the doctor. He kissed her again. "Mother is right. I do need someone. I do so need you. I would make you a kind husband, and I am always quite good-tempered except on operation days."

"But I thought," said Hannah, still bewildered, "that you had another girl."

Then Dr. Kennard made the only pretty speech of his life to date.

"Are there any other girls?" he asked vaguely.

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What's on your mind?

Attractive cottages for old folk

THERE should be an Australia-wide scheme to provide cheap cottages in attractive surroundings where old people could spend their last days without any feeling of being merely tolerated.

The number of homeless and friendless aged people is high.

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Planes for playgrounds

INSTEAD of dumping all fighter planes into the ocean why are not some handed over to municipal councils? Stripped, of course, of any dangerous parts, they could be



set up in parks and playgrounds for children. Just imagine what fun small boys and girls would have pretending to be pilots.

5/- to Mrs. A. Clarke, Vulture St., South Brisbane.

The hat-trick

AFTER having to put up with women's hats ruining movies, concerts, and shows, I wish a civic ordinance on record in Indianapolis (U.S.A.) would be introduced here.

This law reads: "It shall be unlawful for any person owning, controlling, or managing any theatre or other place of amusement to permit or tolerate the wearing of any hat, cap, or bonnet by any person while in such theatre."

The law provides for a fine of 10 dollars for the wearer of any unremoved hat.

The trouble is that as far as can be recalled this admirable law has never been enforced.

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Unnecessary title

WHY do some men, when speaking on the telephone, begin their conversation by saying "Mister So-and-So speaking?"

This shows self-esteem, and, anyway, is unnecessary, as the sound of the voice should indicate the sex. So why the "Mister?"

The correct opening should be, for example, "A. B. Smith speaking" or "Smith speaking." But "Mister" Smith? Never!

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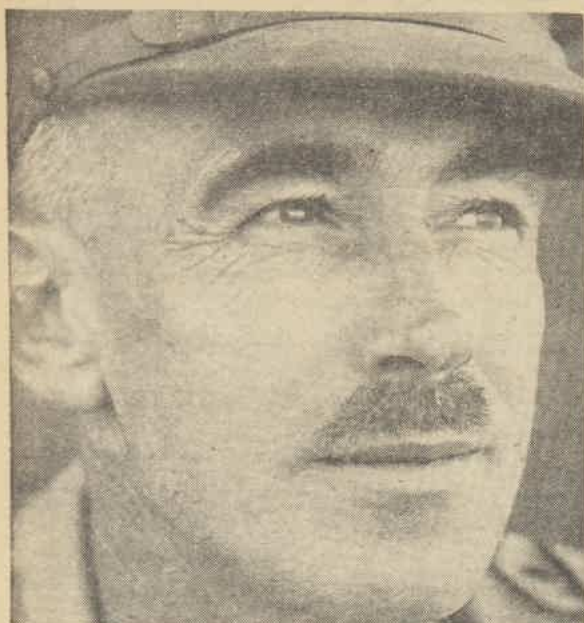
Too hard to find

DURING the past five years the numbers of bicycles have been engraved underneath the pedal hubs instead of under the seat. They should be engraved under the seat again.

If your bike is stolen and you see one that you think is it, you have to turn it upside down to see the number, instead of only having to look for it on the bar running underneath the seat.

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OFF TO LONDON FOR THE VICTORY



LEADER of contingent, Major-General Father, D.S.O., former dental mechanic. His enlistment number is NX3. Until recently commander at Rabaul, he earned nickname, "Phar Lap," from 7th Div. for the speed with which he advanced his troops early in the New Guinea campaign.



LIEUT.-CMDR. R. J. PEEK, O.B.E., D.S.O., one of two R.A.N. senior officers in march.



BRIG. M. J. MOTEN, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, (S.A.), who will lead the Army section.



WING-CMDR. R. KINGSFORD SMITH, D.S.O., D.F.C., leads R.A.A.F. section of 60.



V.C. WINNER, 21-year-old Pte. Frank Partridge (Macksville, N.S.W.), and Pte. Nigel Dallas (Coffs Harbor, N.S.W.) with Cpl. Ted Light, M.E. (Brisbane). Australians will share huge, under-canvas camp in Kensington Gardens, London, with 18,000 British and Allied personnel.



SPINE BASHING. Cpl. Alan Tarrant and Sgt. Bruce Bailey, both of N.S.W., dream of London. Sgt. Bailey's ambition is to meet Princess Elizabeth—"the only girl in England I know."



FORMER P.O.W. in Singapore, Sgt. George McLeod, of Brisbane, sews six service chevrons on his uniform. Army members in the march will number 180, including three V.C.s and many others with decorations. Minimum height for men applicants was 5 feet 7in.



THREE of nineteen servicewomen chosen: A.A.M.W.S. Major Joan Christie (N.S.W.), A.A.M.W.S. Pte. Lesley Warne, B.E.M. (S.A.), and A.W.A.S. Sgt. Iris Parkes (N.S.W.). Matron-in-Chief Col. A. M. Sage, Major M. K. Dewar, Capt. K. Bonnin, Lieut. L. C. Barr, W.R.A.N.S. Chief Officer S. McClellans, R.A.N.N.S. Sister Cherry Wilson, Squadron-Officer Doris Carter are among others chosen. All have fine record of war service.

AUSTRALIAN left in H.M. London on day will be working.

"I'm going to Kinson, a drill sergeant Tommy soldier."

London will effort to cover all speeding up war and bunting.

TWO of 20 R.A.N. members, crew, V.C., and wife. H.M.A.S. ship.

PARADE . . .

250 servicemen and servicewomen, who were sent to Shropshire for the Victory Parade in 1945 after special training and outfitting, are representatives of their country.

"I'll get the boys into good shape," said W/O. Dudley, "so that they can hold their own against the Germans—just how good those Tommies are."

On a brave show for the Parade. In a tremendous effort to repair damage, shops and houses along the route are being repaired. Where repairs cannot be done in time, flags are used to cover the damaged buildings.



Members in the march—A/B. R. H. Wellard, D.S.M. (Footstool) and Teaman C. B. Mitchell, D.S.M. (Lakemba, N.S.W.), who is carrying the contingent's rations.



SMALLEST MAN in contingent, 6ft. 5in. Major Tony Gluth (Warragul, Vic.), looks at snap of English A.T.S. wife and son of Lieut. J. D. Peck, D.C.M. (Crib Point, Vic.). Peck will meet his son for first time in London.



"G O O D - B Y E, MUM!" Sgt. Harry Jenner, M.M., says good-bye to his parents when the N.S.W. members of the contingent left on the first stage of the journey.



D.C.M. and M.M. winner, Sgt. John Weston (Warrabara, S.A.), polishes new calf shoes—part of extra issue, which includes dress uniforms, gloves, pyjamas. All uniforms were made from one run in the mill to ensure uniform color.



WEARING six decorations and campaign ribbons, Major Boyd Williams, M.C. (Sydney), says good-bye to his wife, formerly A.A.N.S. Sister Mary Brown (left), and his mother. This is his fourth trip to England.

Continuing . . . The Golden Conqueror

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JOHN made a sound of assent. His failure loomed larger with old men like this. They had to leave matters to the young, to him . . . and Robert Bishop. Bishop got three Jap planes before they got him. Bishop gave his own life, not his friend's.

Dr. Carver was saying, "harder on Katherine Bishop than I imagined. This place, you know, is all tied up with him."

The dean asked, "How long ago was Bishop killed?"

"About a year. Not long enough, Katherine's that kind of woman, but you can be too brave. Burn yourself out. There's never been a war when the long haul counted for so much. The long haul," he repeated, "the peace that follows."

John nodded at his cigarette. "Which are the Pleiades?" he asked abruptly.

The woman spoke behind him: "There, over the tennis courts." Her voice had a shallow quality, as if under it were silence. He did not turn at once, but looked where she pointed at the six grouped stars.

"Why, Katherine, bless my heart! What do you know about the Pleiades?" Dr. Carver drew her forward under his arm.

"Rob taught me," she said, in the same bright, shallow voice. "He always said the stars up here were different, and he'd rout me out at four in the morning to look at them."

"I'm afraid that Robert was our last romantic." The old man's hand moved with affection on her shoulder. "I guess this big fellow here is one of your pupils. Hardly seems right, now, does it?"

Under cover of Dr. Carver's laugh, John looked at her. "No," he said. "I don't go in for poetry."

Katherine Bishop looked at him evenly. "Most men don't," she said.

That night he slept badly; and when he awakened her words were his first memory: "Most men don't." With three words she had taken a cool, sure measure of him against the other man. That unknown heroic figure blocked him at every turn.

He got up. It was four o'clock. He began at once to cram into his bag what little he had unpacked. First thing in the morning he'd get out of here.

He went to the window. Outside was the tense, waiting stillness of early morning. Faculty House looked tucked in snugly under its four gables. She was asleep there . . . Katherine Bishop. He hadn't escaped a thing, and now he was running again. But why stay and be defeated again by Robert Bishop? The living could hide their scorn, but the dead faced you with one simple fact: "We died."

Movement suddenly caught his eye. The screen door of Faculty House opened silently; someone crossed the porch, came on to the lawn and stopped. The face was slightly raised, as she stood there, but it was the small hands, holding together the woolly coat, that he knew. She crossed to two chairs side by side and sat down in one of them. By the tilt of her head he knew that she was looking at the stars.

Then after a time, John saw her arms slowly relax, stretch, and rest quiet along the arms of the chair. It was as if she accepted something greater than she was.

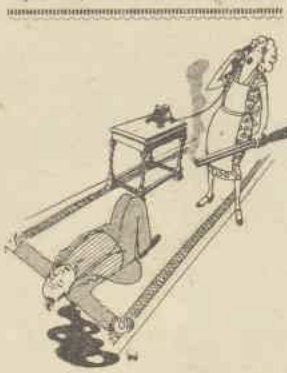
The first green streaks of light reached above the mountains. He began slowly and rather sheepishly to take things out of his bag.

He did not go to her lectures, but sat on the fan porch and watched

her streaking across the lawn with the fat, black notebooks. Robert Bishop's notebooks. For when she passed, with her quick, sure step, she rebuked him. They did not speak. After four days it was as if they had never spoken, and she became more and more a living reproach to the man he had become.

The rain began on Sunday. It marched down from the mountains and pelted the valley flat. It swept in sheets down the roofs, across the windows. It made a river of the road, and John remembered the deep-out mountain river. He thought what it must be now, rolling among its boulders.

By Thursday the rain began to taper off, and some of the more



"No, doctor, it's not his lumbago this time."

daring got out for a breath of air between showers.

John felt too dull to try even that. He kept to his room and brooded. The course was almost over—he hadn't achieved anything—nothing had come of his attempt to recapture normality.

It was about three-thirty when a knock came at his door.

Miss Meeker stood there, looking vague and distressed. "We were wondering," she said, "if you'd seen Mrs. Bishop."

"No," he said sharply. "Why?"

"Well—she's gone."

At his sides, John's fingers worked. "Gone where?"

"We don't know, Mr. Harden. That's why I came to ask you. She often goes for a little walk before her two-o'clock class. To-day she didn't come back. We were just afraid she might have gone to Church Glen. It's beyond the river, but she and poor Mr. Bishop so often . . ."

John reached down his raincoat from behind the door.

"Mr. Harden! Where are you going?"

"To find Mrs. Bishop," he said. The way to Church Glen led past the goldenrod field at the upper edge and into the woods beyond. The sight of that turbulent color drenched, subdued, was one more thing to add to his wretchedness. Even beauty could be dimmed.

The path led up over old roots padded beneath with moss, skirting boulders.

It was treacherous going. Now he began to hear the swollen, angered rush of mountain water. Church Glen was beyond the river.

He stopped because of what took hold of him. This was not fear for himself, but for someone else. He had not known before that the one devours the other.

Swelled by four days of rain, the river was swift, full; black water foamed up white around the boulders. And then he saw the bridge. It had collapsed in the middle. John pushed one hand through his wet hair. Did he go on? And how?

From across the river someone called. "Well, what have you decided?"

Startled, he peered through the rain and saw no one. Then she stepped away from the tree where she had sought cover.

Relief left him furious. "Whatever are you doing here?" he blazed.

"I only went to Church Glen. The bridge fell in. I—couldn't help it."

He began the slippery descent. Handing himself along from root to rock, he came closer to the river. The old, sick trembling took him; strength left his knees. What if he had come this far and failed again? He cast a wild, desperate look across the river. She, too, had come down the bank. They stood on opposite shores, with the useless bridge between them.

She said doubtfully, "I could wade."

Their eyes met, and the pinwheel of fear in him slowed, then stopped. "You stay where you are," he said. "I'll do the wading."

He stepped into the water and pushed slowly out. He slipped once, and plunged into water above his waist, but he caught a boulder and struggled up again.

When he reached the other side his teeth were chattering.

"I'm so sorry," she said.

"You should be," he said grimly, and held out his arms.

The return journey was much harder going—keeping a foothold on the slippery rocks, bracing himself against the angry current. Setting his teeth, he pushed on, feeling weakness sweep over him with the burden of her weight.

"Please stop a minute," she said. "And rest. You've been so ill. I know."

He went on more slowly, feeling for every step as if what he carried had great value.

She walked ahead of him on the downpath back. They said nothing. Where the path crossed a clearing they ran for a large oak, and huddled against it. From here on a clear day there would be a view, but now there was only cloud below them.

It gave them a feeling of being on a great height, alone.

She said quietly, "I came out for a walk because I wanted to think things out—about you."

"Me?"

"John Harden," she said, "you've got to finish that book."

He felt a lurch of disappointment. His book, was it?

She went on, "I know what you've been through, and about the wound you've brought back inside you. Losing an arm or a leg would have been simpler; even losing life, maybe. It was for Rob. That's how he had to do it. But you . . ."

A slow warmth began to fill him. She understood. How did that happen?

" . . . you've got to reach behind you, take hold of the half-done job and finish it. Oh, Rob would have admired what you'll be doing, but he never could have done it!"

The warmth possessed him now and it was unreckoned power. He no longer feared nor hated Robert Bishop. He had come after him, but he measured up. She said so . . .

The next day was bright and the world looked washed and clean. When her afternoon class was over, Katherine found John sitting on the wall looking over the goldenrod field.

"It hurts your eyes," she said. "Want to take a walk? Or do you only walk on wet days saving women?"

He smiled and stood up. "I'd like to see where that house was over there. I've been meaning to, and now we're off to-morrow."

"Things always end before you think they will," she said.

The goldenrod was waist high as they slashed through it. The rolled bees came tumbling out of the flowers. Their hum spread like a haze over the field.

"Here's the doorstep," she called. When he stood beside her, she said, "It's funny, the things it makes me wonder."

"What?" And he looked at her. "If he brought her home as a bride . . . if he carried her in here. They were quiet, standing there together."

"Rob always laughed at me when I talked like that . . . Well, come in," she said.

It had been a large house. The remaining walls stood only one or two feet high, and the fallen stones lay among grass and goldenrod. They sat down side by side and faced the sun.

"This is better than yesterday," she said.

"I liked yesterday."

"And you're going to finish your book?"

"I can now," he said simply. "It will be a beginning, thanks to you."

After a while she rolled over one of the stones with her foot and said, "I think we've all got some loose rock in us somewhere, all the things that didn't come off the way we wanted. You and I aren't the only ones with our private ruins."

"And the goldenrod comes along and covers them."

"Yes," she said softly, looking into her lap. "There comes a time when you know it."

In the coarse grass between them their hands lay near. He looked at them, then he covered hers with his own. It lay quite still, rather startled and furtive. When he saw that she was about to speak he said, "Don't talk. Let me believe in this a little longer."

He felt her hand unclench and turn under his hand, and the power of touch moved in it. When she turned to look at him, her eyes held tears. She only nodded, and yet it was enough.

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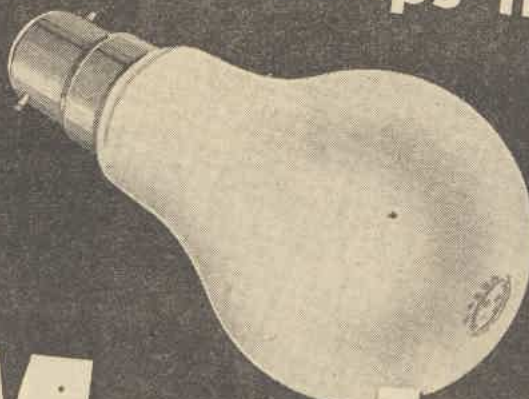
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PROTSENKO was walking with quick steps back and forth across his own dugout, located next to the ruins of a building.

All that day furious fighting had been taking place on his left flank, tentatively and from experience, it had become clearer and clearer to Protsenko in the course of the day that the hour was not far off for the Germans finally to break through on his left to the Volga. This would cut him and his division off from everything that was to the south of them, and what was worst of all, from army headquarters.

A half hour ago, his fears had been confirmed. His communications with army headquarters had been cut.

By a curious coincidence, the last thing he had heard, after an endless succession of anxious conversations with the army staff, was the deep bass voice of Matveyev, member of the military council, who had called him to ask how he was holding out and if everything was in order, then had said: "My congratulations."

"On what?"

"They broadcast to-day on the radio that by a special decree of the government you have been promoted to the rank of major-general. So, I congratulate you, Comrade General."

"Thank you," Protsenko had said. "I shall try to be worthy of my new rank."

He had waited, but Matveyev had made no comment.

"I've got everything I need," Protsenko had continued. "Hello . . ." But Matveyev did not answer. "Hello," Protsenko had said a second time, and then a third time. The telephone was dead.

It was essential to send the daily report to Army headquarters. There was now only one method of communication open: across the Volga to the other bank,

and then along that bank to the south and back across the river to army headquarters. He would have to send someone.

At first Protsenko thought of his own adjutant, but he had been all but knocked out by a day of running round, and was sleeping on the floor with his head on his overcoat.

Besides, the adjutant was not the man to send at this moment to headquarters. He should send someone who could not only carry the report but who could also find out exactly and definitely what Protsenko was now expected to do. He lifted the telephone and called Babchenko.

"Is everything quiet with you?" he asked.

"Everything's quiet."

"Then send Saburov to me immediately."

While waiting for Saburov's arrival, Protsenko worked over the reports from the regiments, and, contrary to his usual custom, drew up a general report in his own handwriting and sent it out to be typed. They were still typing it when Saburov came in.

"How do you do, Alexei Ivanovich?" Protsenko said.

"How do you do, Comrade Colonel?"

"No longer Colonel," Protsenko said. "Now it's General. Didn't you hear the radio to-day?"

"No."

"If you didn't hear it, then I'll have to tell you. I'm a general. They promoted me to-day. And now . . . I called you to take the report to headquarters immediately."

"What do you mean, isn't it working?" Saburov pointed to the telephone.

"No, and it won't again, for quite a while. They've cut it. I'll have to make you my living telephone for to-night."

He picked up a local telephone and called the river dock. "Get a motor-

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boat ready, quickly, or a rowboat, whatever you've got," he said, then turned back to Saburov.

"Well, Alexei Ivanovich, you'll find out only when you cross the river whether or not headquarters is still at the same old place. Then you'll have to cross the river again wherever they're located now. Well, how about it, is the report ready?" he turned and asked a staff officer.

"It's being typed. It will be ready in five minutes."

"Good. So, Alexei Ivanovich," Protsenko said, "you can go soon." He suddenly smiled and turned to the fragment of mirror which was hanging on the wall.

FOR some moments he stood studying his image in the mirror, then turning back to Saburov, he said, "Tell me, Alexei Ivanovich, is a general's uniform going to look all right on me? What do you think?"

"It ought to, Comrade General—"

it ought to suit you," Saburov said.

"Comrade General," Protsenko smiled. "Look, you say to me, 'Comrade General,' but, you know, you're probably thinking to yourself: 'He's flattered, the old fool, to hear it.' Is that what you're thinking?"

"That's what I was thinking," Saburov smiled, too.

"And you're quite right in thinking it . . . It's pleasant, it is really pleasant. Only it means a heavy responsibility on me now."

Protsenko thought a moment, lit a cigarette, and looked earnestly at Saburov. He was deeply moved.

"General," he said thoughtfully.

"It's a hard rank. And do you know, Saburov, why it's hard? Because to fight not so badly or even pretty well isn't enough now. Now we've got to fight so that later on, for as long a time as possible, we won't have to fight at all. You know, Saburov, I don't believe in saying that this will be the last war in history. We said that in the last war, and before then we said it often."

"You only have to read history. After this war there will still be war, after thirty years, maybe fifty."

But it's in our hands that it shouldn't come quickly, and if it's got to come anyway, that it should be a victorious war. That's what an army is for. Of course, a lot of people are hoping now. Anyone can contradict me who wants to. You, for example, no?"

"I would like to contradict you," Saburov said. "I don't want to think that there can ever again be another war."

"Of course you don't want to,"

Protsenko said. "I don't want to either. We don't want to think it, but we've got to. We've got to think it, and then, maybe, there won't be one."

The staff officer brought in the report. Protsenko reached in his pocket for his spectacle case, read it attentively, word by word, and signed it.

"Get going," he said. "They'll escort you from here as far as the boat, and from then on it's your worry. Well, all right, on your way."

Saburov picked his way in the

dark to the landing dock. There was no motor-boat; it had been blown up that morning by a mine. A rowboat with four oars slapped its prow quietly on the water.

Two Red Army men sat at the oars. Saburov settled himself at the rudder and they pushed off in silence. The Germans were not shooting, and Saburov found himself thinking of Anya. He thought that if her wound had been slight, she must be quite near here, at the medical base where she worked.

"Probably it was slight," he thought, not because this was logical, but because she had said: "I will come back to see you soon . . ."

The boat grated on the sand, and Saburov leaped ashore and walked off to find out where the crossing was now located which would bring him closest to army headquarters. It turned out they had moved the crossing a kilometre-and-a-half downstream. So he went back to the boat and they rowed along the shore.

At the crossing the boat moored up to a temporary wooden jetty. The soldiers stayed in the boat, but Saburov shifted to a barge which was just about to cast off for the trip to the right bank. It was loaded with boxes of provisions and entire carcasses of beef and mutton, piled right on the deck.

After a half hour the barge was slowly eased into one of the Stalin-grad docks. Saburov learned, to his surprise, that although the crossing had been shifted army headquarters had remained where it was before.

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SABUROV knew from Protzenko, who had been there two or three times, that headquarters was located in specially excavated galleries along the bank of the river, near a grain elevator which had been burned. He would have to get there on foot from the crossing, a little more than a kilometre from the shore.

As he walked on, machine-gun fire could soon be heard so close that there was no doubt he was within a kilometre of the front line. He had begun to think that someone had misinformed him, and that headquarters must have been moved to-day to some other place.

But when he had come quite close to what was, as far as he could see, the front line, he saw directly in front of him the outline of the burnt elevator on the steep bank of the Volga, and a minute later he ran into a guard standing at the entrance to a tunnel leading into the ground.

"Is this army headquarters?" Saburov asked.

The guard examined Saburov's pass under a flashlight and replied that this was headquarters.

"How does one get to the chief of staff?" Saburov asked quietly.

Behind him he could hear a voice he seemed to remember: "Who wants the chief of staff?"

"I do."

"Where are you from?"

"From Protzenko."

"Well, well. That's interesting," said the voice. "Come along."

When they had gone into a tunnel lined with boards, Saburov looked round and saw behind him the same general he had seen on the first night with Protzenko.

"Comrade Commander," Saburov said to him, "may I talk to you?"

"Certainly, right away," the general said. He opened a small plank door and walked in first. Saburov

took this as an invitation to follow him and walked in too. Beyond the door was a small room cut into the earth. It was furnished with a couch covered by rumpled oilcloth and a large table.

Saburov reported formally and handed the general the written dispatch given him by Protzenko. The general read it slowly, then looked questioningly at Saburov.

"This means everything with you is quiet?"

"Exactly, quiet."

"That's fine. It must mean they haven't got enough strength to attack at the same time on all sectors. Have you had heavy losses these last few days?"

"I don't know exactly," Saburov said.

"No, I'm not asking you about the division; the division figures are all written here. How has it been with you in your battalion? You are commanding a battalion, aren't you?"

"Yes, Comrade Commander."

"How many men have you lost?"

"In the last eight days we've lost six killed and twenty wounded, but in the first eight days it was eighty killed and two hundred and two wounded."

"Yes," the general said, "that's a bit. Did you wander round this back a long time before you found us?"

"No, I found you quickly enough, but still I had begun to wonder. At three hundred yards from the shoot-

ing, I should have thought, you must have changed your command post."

"Yes," said the general, "we almost did. My staff officers had decided to move to-night, but I came back this evening from division headquarters and stopped them. When it's tough the way it is now—remember this, Captain, because right now it's very tough, it would be foolish to deny it—you can't follow the usual rules of good sense and transfer your command post when it seems obviously the thing to do."

"The most important thing and the best commensurate in times like this is that the soldiers should feel stability, you understand. And stability grows in people from feeling that things don't change and partly from feeling that places don't change. So as long as I can still command from here, without moving, I shall command from here. You're a young officer and I tell you this so you can do the same in your own battalion. I hope you don't think your restful quiet is going to last for long."

"I don't think so," said Saburov.

"Well, don't think it. It won't last. Sadyavayev!" the general called.

His adjutant appeared at the door.

"Sit down and write out an order for me."

The general quickly dictated a short order which consisted chiefly in telling Protzenko to do everything he could not to let the Germans withdraw any large number of men from his sector. It added a suggestion that he might make several local attacks on his southern flank, where the Germans had broken through to the Volga.

AFTER a short, thoughtful pause, the general added, "Write also congratulations on his promotion to the rank of general. That's all; give it to me to sign."

When he dismissed Saburov, the general looked at him with eyes that were ringed with blue from lack of sleep.

"It seems you've known Protzenko for a long time?"

"Almost since the beginning of the war."

"If you want to become a good officer, learn from him. Watch him. You know he's not really what he seems at first glance. He is shy, clever, and stubborn. In a word, he's a Ukrainian. We have a lot of officers who try to look calm, but he's one of those who really are calm. That's why you should learn from him. He has told me about you and that you did well in the first days when you were enrolled."

"In conditions like that, the most important thing is to be calm. We'll re-establish communications with you, but water is still water, remember that."

The general stood up and gave his hand to Saburov.

Walking back from headquarters to the dock, Saburov thought it was, after all, a little strange to have found the commanding general in such a good mood.

"Perhaps he knows something we don't know," Saburov thought. "Maybe it's reinforcements, maybe they are preparing something in some other place."

He rejected the idea at once. No, that wasn't it. He understood, suddenly and clearly, the reason for the general's mood: it was simply that the very worst that could happen had already happened. The Germans had broken through to the Volga and cut the army in two. This had been going on for the last few days, and he had not had strength enough to prevent it.

But now, when the worst had already happened, when the Germans had achieved what they had earlier believed would mean the end of the fighting, the army had not admitted it was beaten, but had continued to fight. Headquarters had stayed where it was as if nothing had happened, and into the bargain an officer had arrived from the division which was now cut off and brought the daily report to the commanding general, in spite of everything, at exactly the time when it usually arrived.

Five hours after Saburov had left Protzenko on this mission, he was back again in the same dugout handing the colonel a sheet from a notebook on which the order of the commanding general was written.

"Well, how are things there?" Protzenko asked, after reading the order.

When Saburov told him that headquarters was still at its old location, an approving smile crossed Protzenko's face. It was clear he shared Saburov's feelings; he, too, was pleased that the staff had stayed where it was. The apparent rashness of such a decision was actually good commonsense which, it would seem, does not always coincide in war with what is logical.

On the road back from Protzenko to his own quarters, Saburov stopped at Babchenko's dugout. They had told him at division headquarters that Babchenko had telephoned and asked for him. Babchenko was sitting at his table and working on a report.

"Sit down," he said, without raising his head and continuing to work. This was his custom. He never interrupted what he had begun when subordinates summoned by him arrived. He considered this inconsistent with his authority.

Saburov, who was used to this, asked Babchenko cheerfully for permission to go out and smoke. Hardly had he gone out the door when he ran into First-Lieutenant Yerenin, commander of a signal company, who had been fighting with the division since the beginning of the war.

"Hello," Yerenin said to Saburov, shaking his hand firmly. "I'm leaving."

"Where are you going?"

"They have sent me to study."

"Where?"

"In courses at the Academy of Military Communications. Funny, isn't it, to go there from Stalin-grad. But an order is an order, so I go. I came in to say good-bye to the lieutenant-colonel."

Saburov thought the arrival of Yerenin, whom Babchenko had known for a long time and who now had to take his leave, would force the commander of the regiment to tear himself away from his papers. So he walked into the room behind Yerenin.

"Comrade Lieutenant-Colonel," Yerenin said, "excuse the interruption."

"Yes," Babchenko said, still not looking up from his papers.

"I am leaving, Comrade Lieutenant-Colonel."

"When?"

"I am leaving right away. I came in to say good-bye."

"Is your travel order ready?" Babchenko asked, still without looking at Yerenin.

"Yes, here it is." Yerenin handed him a paper.

Babchenko, still without lifting his eyes, signed the paper and handed it back to Yerenin. A silence followed. Yerenin shifted from foot to foot and stood for several minutes in uncertainty.

"Well, yes, that's what it is, I'm going," he said.

"Well, all right, go along."

"I just came in to say good-bye, Comrade Lieutenant-Colonel."

Babchenko raised his eyes at last and said: "Well, all right, I wish you success in your studies," and he gave Yerenin his hand. Yerenin shook it. Somehow he wanted badly to say something more, but Babchenko, after shaking his hand, paid no more attention to him and buried himself again in his papers.

"Good-bye then, Comrade Lieutenant-Colonel," Yerenin said again, hesitatingly, looking at Saburov. His look was not so much hurt as upset. He had not really known how he would say good-bye to Babchenko and what his farewell would consist of, but he had not thought it could take place so coldly.

"Good-bye, Comrade Lieutenant-Colonel," he said for the last time and very quietly.

Babchenko was not listening. He

had come to the final revision of what he had been writing and he was carefully drawing a line with a ruler on the paper. Yerenin shuffled his feet for a little longer, then slowly turned to Saburov, and after shaking his hand with a special warmth walked out.

Saburov accompanied him through the door and there, in the exit from the dugout, embraced him warmly and kissed him. Then he walked back to Babchenko.

He was still writing the report. With irritation, Saburov looked at his stubbornly lowered face.

Saburov did not understand how the lieutenant-colonel could feel nothing at this moment, how he could let a man go like this who had fought with him a full year, who had risked his life with him, who had eaten from the same mess tin, who might possibly have saved his life on the battlefield.

He was so conscious of the hurt which Yerenin had just felt that when Babchenko finally talked to him, interested in learning at first hand what was going on at headquarters, Saburov answered in an unusually dry, reserved manner.

On his way back to the battalion, Saburov thought that it was a strange thing indeed that they should suddenly lift a man out of Stalin-grad in the bitterest days and send him to study at a military school. In spite of what seemed at first glance the futility of this, it was really a part of the general and enormous march of events which nothing could stop now.

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A Knife for the Ham

By
IAN LASRY

THE great Augustine Hamakin was resting. That, of course, is a polite way of describing an actor out of work—and since his last show had folded some six weeks previously, the celebrated tragedian had been entirely unemployed for exactly forty-two days.

However, if anyone, seeing him tread the crowded footpath, immaculate in pearl-grey, and with a red rose sitting perkily in his buttonhole, had mistaken him for an extremely well-set-up millionaire, they could have been excused. For Augustine Hamakin was not one to take poverty on the chin, and the poorer he got the richer he looked.

He paused outside the foyer of a well-known vaudeville theatre and surveyed the photos of lavishly but scantily clad damsels with distaste. As a legitimate, if hammy, actor, he held vaudeville in contempt. He would not, he reflected profoundly, walk on to a vaudeville stage for—no, not for fifty pounds a minute.

He turned away. "Bah!" he remarked. An exotic creature in furs wheeled at the sound of his voice, and, gathering herself together, galloped toward him with a shrill squeak.

"Owgoos-teen!" Her effervescence was startling. "Darleeng! 'Ow many years ees eet since I no see you!"

Realising that he was face to face with a well-remembered piece of his colorful past, this great Hamakin gently disentangled her from his neck, and brushed a mixture of dyed fur and rose petals from his shoulder.

"Ha!" he boomed. "And how is the little Lulu?"

"But non!" She stamped a high-heeled foot. "No longer am I Lulu! I am La Pinelli, ze greatest knife expert in ze world!"

Augustine was taken off balance. "La Pinelli?" he sounded. "Are you related in any fashion to Signor Socrates Pinelli, commonly referred to as the Twelve-Blade Wonder?"

Lulu beamed. "E and I, we are like—ow you say—partners. 'Ees eet not good? Sometimes 'e trow ze knives, sometimes I trow ze knives, sometimes we both trow ze knives! What you think?"

Hamakin, busy with a mental picture of long-bladed knives flying in all directions, jerked back to courtliness again.

"Very fine!" he boomed. "Extremely fine!" Lulu nodded an energetic head. "An' we get top-beeleeng! See!" She pointed to a large placard, on which a mustachioed gentleman was in the act of having his outline traced in carving-knives on a surfboard by a lady in a short, frilled skirt.

"Ze lady, she's me," said Lulu grandly.

Augustine coughed an acknowledgment. "And you're doing well, my dear?" he inquired with the lofty disdain of a man who has fivepence-halfpenny in his pocket. Lulu raised an eyebrow of despair. "Yes, we do well," she affirmed, "but now I am—ow you say—desperate."

"Why?" inquired Hamakin. "Pinelli an' I—we fight," said Lulu. "We fight over ze profit paircentage. 'E want too much. 'E's so greedy!"

"Bad luck," commiserated the great actor. "An' now," she continued, "e say 'e weel not do ze act no more." She caught his arm. "E weel not do ze act—we shall be in poverty again!"

Hamakin took out a silk handkerchief and blew his nose. "Most unfortunate," he pronounced. "A dastardly state of affairs!"

Suddenly Lulu's eyes lit up with a new light. "But wait!" she said dramatically. "I have an idea!"

Augustine looked at her with acute suspicion. He knew Lulu of old, and when she had an idea, it generally meant trouble—for someone else.

"You can do eet!" she cried. Hamakin edged away. "I think I must be off," he said heavily.

"You can be wit' me in my act! I shall trow ze knives around you. You have ze perfect shape for to trow ze knives aroun' eet."

Augustine raised a protesting hand. "My esteemed Lulu . . ." he began, and then the other hand, feeling round in the vast emptiness of his money-pocket, stopped him. After all, money was money. Any was better than none.

"My esteemed Lulu," he began again. "As a great favor to an old friend, I might feel disposed to interrupt my rest, and . . ."

"Ha—you are reesteeng!" Lulu was radiant. "Zen you must be—ow you say—broke? No?" The great Hamakin winced. "You weel be my partner, yes—for thirteen sheelings a night?"

Hamakin winced again. "If you were to say



Hamakin broke free and bolted for dear life as the Signor raised his knife menacingly.

two pounds . . ." he started, but she cut him short.

"Eef I were to say again—thirteen sheelings!" she repeated.

"As a great favor," voiced Hamakin regretfully, "I shall do it."

That evening, when he arrived backstage at the Magnificent, curious glances followed him as he made his leisurely way toward the dressing-rooms. Augustine could only attribute it to the vaudevillians' realization of the fact that a great legit. was favoring the theatre with his presence, and his progress was therefore punctuated by several courtly bows, which, said to state, were largely unanswered.

Lulu greeted him eagerly when he knocked on her door. She looked him up and down. "Zee may be joost a leetle trouble wit' ze tights," she said at length.

Augustine's eyebrows rose in consternation. "Hah—tights?" he gulped.

"Madz out, ze tights you moost wear," affirmed Lulu vigorously. "Zee theek clotheeng makes difficult ze knife-troweng." She went to a large prop-trunk in the corner, and extracted from it an ancient pair of tights, relieved by half a dozen large and horrible spangles. "Try zem on," she commanded briskly.

Augustine swallowed. "Never," he sounded, "never would I be seen on a stage in these abominable garments."

Lulu shrugged. "Zen ze thirteen sheelings eet go to someone else," she commented.

"Ah, no!" The thought was too much for Augustine. "Hand me the tights, dear lady, and turn your back."

There was a series of grunts and muttered imprecations, then a strangled voice said: "You may examine the effect now, my dear Lulu."

La Pinelli turned an eye on the strange figure that stood before her. The effect was shocking. The tights, having been obviously made for someone of the X.O.S. category, large and important parts didn't touch Augustine at all, but hung in unsightly folds about his thin legs. And the impression created by the spangles winking in the light as the great Hamakin moved was one of slightly obscene humor.

Lulu thought quickly. It was now seven-forty-five, and curtain-rise was at eight. Obviously this was no time for fooling about. She turned on a delighted smile.

"But eet ees wonderful!" she exclaimed. "You are magnifiquet! I weel trow my knives beootiful to-night."

Augustine couldn't make out whether she meant that as a compliment or a threat, so he smiled uncertainly, and removed his hat.

"An' now," Lulu said in a voice of triumph. "You weel put zees on!" She held up a bright orange blouse tied at the neck with a large bow. "Zees you weel also wear," she explained. "Eet helps me trow my knives good."

Augustine examined the blouse carefully.

"The moths have been at it, dear lady," he announced, "for it is full of holes."

"Moths, you say? Ha!" said Lulu. "Zat ees not moths. Zat ees me."

"You?"

"Yes, me!" She raised a speculative eyebrow. "You think ze knives always go straight?" A cold aniver ran down the great actor's spine.

It seemed no more than a few minutes later, though an hour had passed, that Augustine found himself listening to Lulu's fevered last-minute instructions.

"When I trow ze knives—don't move!" she urged. "Don't move not even one leetle eyebrow. I do not want to make ze mistakes to-night." She said it with such a lack of conviction that for a moment her partner felt like cutting and running for it. But the thought of thirty shillings jingling contentedly in his pocket gave him strength, and he made his way to the wings.

The chorus jiggered its way offstage, and the lights blacked out. This complete darkness was something to which Augustine had never been accustomed. Fearful of falling over something, he stayed still. Suddenly a hand reached out from nowhere and gripped his arm.

"Hey!" said a hoarse whisper. "On stage, you!"

The great Hamakin drew himself up to his full height. "My good man . . ." he began.

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NEW YORK ROUND-UP

Returned men fall in love with housewifely types

Radioed by L. J. MILLER of our New York staff

Pin-up and glamor girls are no longer dream dust to the boys, says Harry Conover, famous agent for models.

This year it'll be the sweet, unsophisticated girl who'll ring the wedding-bells, Harry asserts.

HE says boys at the war got bored sitting in foxholes and canteens gazing at unrealistic, long-legged beauties posted on walls.

They wanted to fall in love with the kind of girl they could visualise in the kitchen baking pies and knitting booties.

Therefore, Harry reasons, the trend in models this year will be toward the more rounded types. The type of girl who might be seen on any main street, although, of course, somewhat prettier.

AN ex-Army lieutenant has powered his wife's perambulator with a single-cylinder motor.

He says not only does it make transport for the baby easier, but the steady chugging lulls Snooks to sleep.

A HOME art column-writer comments: "If you've wondered what's happened to all those air-raid warden hats, they're turning up as flower-pots, cuspidors, ash-trays, and lamp-shades."

CAROLE LANDIS has developed a most unglamorous trick of drinking tea with butter in it. "It tastes like antiseptic," she admits, "but it works."

This greasy drink is no eccentricity—it's been ordered as a medium to ease the attack of laryn-

gitis which makes Carole's frequent radio and screen appearances both fearsome and agonising.

Carole says: "The real cure is honey in tea, but if there are no bees around, a cow will do the trick."

Turning to a subject more fitting to her appearance, Carole remarked that no matter how important it might be to protect one's make-up in a picture, a kiss was infinitely better if no punches were pulled.

"When we were making my last picture, 'A Scandal in Paris,' George Sanders kissed me so half-heartedly I kidded him about it, but after that there was improvement."

"I suppose many must wonder how an actress keeps make-up from smearing in love scenes, but if you powder your lipstick very heavily, then wet it at the last minute, it looks natural and stays where it belongs."

CRAZY, colorful fashions planned for men this spring received a jolt from Earl Wilson, "New York Post" columnist.

He tells how he took a "silly season" walk up Fifth Avenue in the company of actor Red Kuller, who wore a bright yellow straw hat—"yellow as a buttercup."

Hundreds of serious people broke into smiles.

But Kuller was mortified when a Brooklyn taxi-driver got rather pointed about the hat and began singing "Cause everybody knows I juvvvvvvv you."

AN American girl whose soldier fiancee flitted her in favor of an Australian girl wrote him as follows: "Dear Joe.—Congratulations on your coming marriage."

"I am returning your engagement ring."

"I am certain it will look very beautiful—in your bride's nose."

"And may all your blessed events be kangaroos."

"Faithfully—the almost Mrs. Joe."

ITEM from a smalltown newspaper in Carolina: "It is with profound regret ye scribe reports that Miss Adele Wierling has entered hospital for the removal of a rumor."

THERE has been a remarkable drop in the attendance of women at the races since the new season opened.

Of more than 33,000 persons at Jamaica Track yesterday, only a few hundred were women.

New York sports writers attribute the absence of women to the elimination of daily doubles, which women appeared to favor most because it gave a prospect of a big win for a small outlay.

THE mere man is becoming rare and precious, girls of New York are warned by staff writer Edward Mowery in the "World Telegram."

"Here," he says, "is the grim news for 3,780,000 beautiful, home-loving, intelligent girls of this city. You outnumber the opposite sex by 110,000."

"Competition is very tough."

"If you've got a man, hang on to him."

A matrimonial agency manager interviewed said the position was so acute he fears he may be forced to commit bigamy to keep his business going.

Things will be better when the rest of the soldiers come back from the war, but it's a grim wait.



VIVIEN LEIGH AS CLEOPATRA. Patient research for months went into the gowns worn in this film. This picture shows the hand-pleated gown of chiffon worn by Cleopatra at her first meeting with Caesar. Only ornaments are lotus flowers of moulded leather on belt.

MERCILESSLY,

the voice rapped again: "On stage!" and Augustine felt himself propelled irresistibly into the middle of a dark, open space, from which he could see the dim aisle-lights of the theatre.

Then the stage lighting went on in its full brilliance. Augustine found that he was jammed hard against a surfboard of the same type that had graced the horrid illustration in the foyer.

A roar went up from the audience at the sight of him, Augustine, quite involuntarily, took a bow. A renewed roar caused him to amble forward, his O.S. lights flapping, to take another.

Suddenly, out of the corner of his eye, he saw Lulu dancing lightly on the stage, a fixed grin on her face. Augustine, in the middle of taking a third ovation from the hilarious mob, didn't feel disposed to interrupt it for La Pinelli, so he moved downstage, waving a generous hand out front.

Lulu danced up to him, clutching a dozen knives.

"Get onstage!" The words slashed their way out through her grinning lips. "Get out of my limelight, you fool!" Augustine, glancing quickly at the cutlery, did so.

Lulu, at centre-stage, regained her equilibrium. She chafed the knives together and called for members of the audience to come up and test their genuineness. Augustine groaned inwardly. This inactivity, while anyone else had the audience's eye and ear, was maddening. He coughed loudly. Lulu turned her head and he made frantic signs that she should include him in the act. She gave him a warring glance, and drew one of the knives across her throat in an ominous gesture. Augustine laid his lip, and stayed where he was.

Then the moment he had been trying to forget arrived. Lulu turned and faced him, one knife held in front of her by the tip of its shining blade. The great Hamskin closed his eyes.

Lulu addressed the audience. "Ladies and gentlemen," she said. "First I demonstrate ze throwing of

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a knife. I weel not throw eet, near ze assistant, but weel joost show ze movement."

At the word "assistant," Augustine half-raised a protesting arm. There was a sudden whirr-clunk! And the arm was pinioned by its sleeve to the surfboard.

Lulu bowed to the plaudits of the audience, and faced up to him again. The great tragedian closed his eyes once more. Whirr-clunk! Something fanned his cheek, and the surfboard shuddered like a foundering ship. Augustine felt his knees going. The crowd rose in acclamation, and Lulu curtsied low. Then, her back to him, she bent down and regarded him upside down from between her legs. The next was apparently going to be a trick-shot.

Whirr-clunk! Augustine looked down. One leg of his baggy tights was pinned neatly to the board.

The crowd cheered hoarsely as she faced him again and slipped a black bandage over her eyes. Hamskin regarded her with horror. This was not possible! This was too much! This . . . He stopped—for a whirlwind had arrived on the stage.

Augustine recognised the whirlwind's walrus moustache in a flash. Signor Socrates Pinelli was not a man you forgot easily. And Signor Socrates Pinelli was apparently in a vile humor.

"So!" he cried dramatically. "You abandon-a-mio? You getta da new partna when my back she's a-turnd? I teacha you da lesson, bjo!" He grabbed the remaining knives, and turned to face Augustine. "You takta da job with my wife!" he hissed. "You takta dees?" He raised a piece of cutlery on high.

"Wait!" Hamskin wrestled frantically to free himself from the surfboard. "Wait! I didn't know she was your . . ."

Whirr-clunk! A knife hummed through the air and landed on the board with a velocity that Augustine would not have believed possible. It made Lulu's efforts look like slow-motion. Whirr-clunk! Whee-

ping! Two more knives bit into the wood, tracing a neat outline of the noble Hamskin head. Whee-ping! Whee-ping! Space was made for the ears. Whee-ping! Whee-ping! The shoulders. Whee-ping!

But Augustine could stand it no longer. The demoralized look in Signor Pinelli's eye made him wonder feverishly what the Signor would do when he came to the last knife. Whee-ping! There were only two left now. Augustine strained madly at the board, but, being effectively nailed to it, couldn't move. Whee-ping! Another flash of silver, and Hamskin felt his hair neatly parted in the middle. Looking up, he noticed the Signor fondly fingering the sole remaining knife and carefully looking along the blade towards a point in the geometric centre of the Hamskin stomach. The Signor's lips were drawn back in a snarl of triumph, and the Signor's eyes were wild. His intentions were only too painfully obvious.

Yes, Hamskin was moving all right. But a very important part of his tights still hung slackly to the surfboard as the knife crashed home and stuck quivering in its exact centre. And the last sound that Hamskin heard as he slowly constricted to the floor was the soul-lifting roar of an audience which admits it's got its money's worth.



"You better not try t' help me into the chair. He won't let anybody touch me."

WAVING a de-

precatory hand, Augustine said, "Twas nothing, dear lady. Had you but told me that Signor Pinelli was your husband . . . but no matter." He coughed. "Ah—do you happen to have a drop of spirituous fortifier handy?"

Lulu handed him a glass. "Socrates, I want to apologize," she said. "'Ee's ver' sorry for what 'e do. Ees not zat so, Socrates?"

Signor Pinelli rose and came heavily across the room. "I ama da fool," he said. "Da prize fool, ima sorry."

"Nothing, nothing," said Ham-

skin, waving him away. "But yes it isa something," asserted Socrates definitely. "It is a da beegest thing dat's happened this side of da Revolution. Da beegest act in vaudeville, dat's what we got."

Augustine eyed him. "We?" he said.

"Sure—we," said Signor Pinelli. "We joosta do it lika we done it to-night and we can'ta go wrong."

The great Hamskin swung himself down on to his feet.

"Never," he said.

"But-a Signor Hamskino . . ."

began Socrates.

"Boot Owgoosteen . . ."

began his wife.

Hamskin placed the grey homburg on his head, discarded the remnants of the tights, and patted his trouser-legs into place.

"Never!" he declared. "A tragedian could never become a vaudevillian. It is not for me, the tinsel glory of knife-throwing. Besides," he added honestly, "I couldn't stand it."

"Boot ze money, Owgoosteen?"

"Money?" said Hamskin. He flicked a careless finger. "Bah!"

He went to the door. "I have the honor," he said, "to bid you both a very good evening."

He opened the door, got half-way through, and then paused, turned about, and came back. He looked Lulu straight in the eye. "You owe me thirty shillings," he said clearly.

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Huge price for film rights of new novel

By cable from BILL STRUTTON in London

Ever since the amazing film success of Daphne Du Maurier's story "Rebecca" in 1938, movie barons automatically reach for their cheque books and call in a stenographer when they hear that she has written another novel.

AND to this small, delicately pretty wife of Britain's Airborne Troops Chief, General Boy Browning, daughter of the famous actor Sir Gerald Du Maurier, and mother of

three children, came the winning bid recently for the film rights of her latest book, "The King's General."

It was a cheque for one hundred thousand pounds signed "Alexander Korda."

This cheque breaks the record, as it is the highest ever paid for the film rights of a novel. Margaret Mitchell received only half of this for her permission to screen "Gone With the Wind," and Kathleen Winsor little more than half for "Forever Amber."

Lovely Cornwall will be the setting for "The King's General"—all in technicolor. Daphne will also receive a share of the film profits.

"If it were not for income tax I would be a rich woman," she said. "But to give you an example of how much I really do get—when Paramount paid me thirty thousand for 'Frenchman's Creek,' tax whittled it down to three and a half thousand sterling."

Shortly to make a world premiere at London's Leicester Square is the film of her story, "The Years Between," with Michael Redgrave and Valerie Hobson. Round the corner at the Wyndham Theatre is veteran film star Olive Brook, playing the leading stage role of the same story for the five hundredth time.

Daphne hates reading modern novels, and says, "If I were somebody else and had to read 'Rebecca' it would appal me."

While they cast for "The King's

General" and prepare to launch "The Years Between," Two Cities are ready to shoot her "Hungry Hill," with Margaret Lockwood as the star.

Daphne reads history avidly and often snoops about gloomy old houses at night to get the extra atmosphere which brings her books to life.

Although big money means to most pretty women an opportunity to clothe themselves as they have dreamed, in good furs, smart jewelry, and exclusive Paris creations, Daphne's wardrobe is meagre, plain, and serviceable, and she has no interest in a lot of new clothes.

Both she and Lieutenant-General Boy Browning are expert archers. He is typical of Britain's new army high-ups, youthful, intelligent, and clean-cut, with no blimpish affectations. He relaxes about the house in a gaudy sweater and slippers.

When the King inspected General Browning's airborne troops, he became particularly interested in their camouflaged smocks, which the paratroops told him were very comfortable and convenient. Daphne had designed them, for she takes a keen interest in her husband's work.

Eventually she and her husband hope to really settle down in Cornwall, where they will go boating.

To earn these fabulous film cheques, Daphne, now only thirty-nine, works about four hours a day and never waits for some inspiration to settle on her. "It is no good waiting," she says. "You have just got to sit down and write."



INFORMAL PICNIC on location for Universal gives actor Lloyd Bridges a chance to show English actress Patricia Roc an old American custom of roasting frankfurts over an open fire. They will both appear in the technicolor "Canyon Passage."



FAMOUS author Daphne Du Maurier, who holds the world record price of £100,000 for the film rights of her latest story, "The King's General."

Film about old-time serial star tires even Betty Hutton

By cable from VIOLA MacDONALD in Hollywood

Blonde Betty Hutton says she thinks the screen jobs of modern times are easy when compared with those of the old "silent" days.

Betty speaks feelingly, as she is now screening "The Perils of Pauline" for Paramount. It is the story of the old-time serial queen Pearl White and her adventures in picture-making.

EVEN energetic Betty's vitality was strained to breaking point by some of the stunts required while emulating Pearl White. She spent a day slapping and kicking a lion.

"But that is nothing. So far I have hung out of a balloon over Burbank, dangled over a cliff, was tied to some railroad tracks, and climbed a sixty-foot fire ladder," she said.

Old-time actors who actually worked with the first serial queen are playing in this film. They are Creighton Hale, former leading man; Paul Panzer, former villain; William Farnum, Chester Conklin, Snub Pollard, and others.

Betty will receive a barrage of custard pies in her face before the picture is completed, but she still maintains her usual good humor.

★ THE BIG SHOT

WARNERS' stereotyped melodrama of the underworld is a confusing piece, built up upon the sordid story of a gangster's rise and fall.

Humphrey Bogart does his best, but rarely manages to be convincing as the gloomy gunman. Irene Manning and Susan Peters are badly handicapped by poorly written roles. —Tatler; showing.

WOMEN AREN'T ANGELS

THERE is nothing subtle in this British Empire production. It comes right out in obvious slapstick, uproarious comedy. Jealous wives, an atrocious evasive, spies—both pseudo and real—all combine to build up the improbable story. Robertson Hare, as Mr. Popday, and Alfred Drayton, as Mr. Bandle, work hard at producing laughs. As Frankie, the blonde actress who complicates the lives of Bandle and Popday, Polly Ward is sufficiently luscious. —Victory; showing.

OUR FILM GRADINGS

- ★★★★ Excellent
- ★★★ Above average
- ★ Average
- No stars — below average.

Film Reviews

★★★★ HENRY V

DESERVING of complete success wherever it is presented, this Fox release is a triumph for British films. Most of the credit must go to Laurence Olivier, who produced and directed "Henry V," as well as acting in the title role. On the production side Olivier has more than met the challenge that to present Shakespeare for general screen entertainment is an idealistic impossibility. He has the assistance of an impeccable cast, and technicolor cameras have made the most of the pageantry of the time.

As an actor Olivier is magnificent. His voice and warm personality would make Henry a living figure, even without his dignity, which makes him every inch a soldier king. In the love scenes with charming Renee Asherson as Princess Katherine of France, Olivier further reveals his romantic acting ability. Of the long cast those who are especially notable are Felix Aylmer, Robert Helpmann, Robert Newton, Leslie Banks, and Edmond Knight.

The script for "Henry V" was prepared by Dallas Bower with scrupulous care. Bower was the first to suggest the making of the film and enlisted the support of Olivier and Two Cities Film Company.

This is no film just for school-children and Shakespearean admirers. It is 100 per cent. entertainment for everyone.—Embassy; showing.

★★★ STATE FAIR

FOX have turned out a good technicolor film in "State Fair," but best feature of it is the 1946 Academy Award hit tune by Hammerstein and Rogers, "It Might As Well Be Spring," sung well by Jeanne Crain.

Many film fans will remember the original Fox version of "State Fair,"

produced about twelve years ago. Stars then were Will Rogers, Janet Gaynor, Lew Ayres, Sally Eilers, and Norman Foster. This time, with color and far more lavish settings, the story of rural life has Dana Andrews, Dick Haymes, Charles Winninger, Jeanne Crain, Vivian Blain, and Fay Bainter.

Such a galaxy of popular players would hold pretty well any story together, and all of them do well, especially Haymes and Miss Crain. Miss Blain photographs well, and sings another of the songs, "That's For Me," which also has hit public fancy. Dana Andrews underplays his role as a newspaper reporter.—Plaza; showing.

★★ ROUGHLY SPEAKING

BASED on Louise Randall's autobiography and starring Rosalind Russell, this Warners comedy-drama covers a period of forty years.

As the energetic Louise who manages a career, has two husbands and four children during a lifetime of varying financial security, Miss Russell has a firm grip on the role. Her performance is crisp and credible. Donald Woods ably suggests the old-fashioned businessman who tires of his career-minded wife.

Jack Carson as the second husband, who godfathered the copes with Louise and his four stepchildren, has his best role to date. Robert Hutton and Andrea King are good as two of the children grown up.—Empire; showing.



GLAMOR GIRL Margaret O'Brien strikes an unusual pose during a change of costume for her new MGM film "Three Wise Fools." The eight-year-old star enjoys amusing fellow players.

I BUMPED into Barry Fitzgerald hurrying over to the set of the Glenn Ford film, "Gallant Journey." Barry told me, "My brother, Arthur Shields, is playing a priest role in the film, and has asked me to come over to Columbia and give him pointers from my experience of playing a priest in 'Going My Way.'"

ODD job of the week actress was Sara Swartz, who registered the eight hundred and thirteenth scream of her career in Universal's "Pangier." Sara specialises in blood-curdling yells.

DEFINITE news that Will Rogers, jun., will portray his father in Warners' film of the life of Will Rogers. Young Will is practising rope tricks at the local rodeo.



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1 **MYSTERY MESSAGE** to ice-skating star Lila (Ralston) makes her leave theatre hurriedly to visit composer Carl (Norris), after his release from five years in gaol.



2 **CARL**, in unsuccessful attempt to persuade Lila to star in a show for him, plays her his just-finished song. Her refusal brings a blackmail threat from composer.



3 **BACK** at theatre, Lila tells orchestra leader friend Don (Marshall) that she left her purse at Carl's flat.



4 **MEMBERS** of Lila's company, including understudy Grace (Rutherford), read later of Carl's murder.



5 **WITH** Don's help, Lila tries to solve murder, and she questions some of Carl's old acquaintances.

Skating Star In Mystery Film

CONTINENTAL ice-skater Vera Hruba Ralston has a dramatic role in Republic's thriller with a theatrical background. The star appears in several elaborate skating sequences during the story of a mystery killing. Miss Ralston was champion of her native city, Prague, and runner-up to Sonja Henie in the 1936 Olympics. Before the Nazi invasion she went to America. In support are William Marshall, formerly of the U.S. Air Corps, Nancy Kelly, Ann Rutherford, and Helen Walker, all of whom have had extensive stage experience.



6 **DURING DISCUSSION** of crime when Lila is accused, a voice is heard in next room singing Carl's unpublished song. Killer is discovered and confesses to being present in Carl's flat while he played his new song to Lila.

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Hardy bulbs have their place in border beds, but should be set out

where they can be lifted at the end of the season.

And remember to mark their sites, so that you do not forget where they are when busy with the fork, rake, or hoe.

Light cultivation in the early part of the season after planting keeps the soil in good condition and takes care of the weed problem. Any weeds that come up among the plants should be removed by hand.

When planting, pay due regard to the size the plants will reach when mature. Michaelmas daisies or perennial asters like ample elbow room, so allow for their middle-aged spread. Phlox, too, develop outwards and should be given room for their growing-pains.

Water the plants regularly after setting out if the weather remains dry, and pay particular attention to disease and pest control, for many diseases and quite a few pests can increase quickly and cause many an ugly patch in your perennial beds and ultimate color displays.

If your beds are already established, go over them and lift those that need division and manuring. This should be done before the ground becomes too cold.

Keep that cold to yourself

RAN into Jean Fogarty this morning. "How are you?" I asked heartily as I looked into her watery eyes.

"Oh, I've caught another cold," she sniffed.

"I'm certain I catch them on the train. People all around cough and sneeze. . . By the way, how far will a sneeze carry?" asked this efficient business girl, who always wants to know how the wheels turn.

"Well, since you ask: When a person sneezes, Jean, he spreads twenty thousand droplets of infected moisture over an area up to fifteen feet away from him."

"Heaven help us," she ejaculated, as she pulled out her handkerchief and sneezed into it.

"That's right," I said. "Poor kid, so you, like others, are shut up for half an hour morning and night in a suffocating or draughty carriage with sneezes and coughs to the right and left of you."

"I think many railway-carriages are most effectively designed for the transmission of colds, also other infections spread by coughs, sneezes, and close-talking. . ."

"Why, in the name of goodness, don't they have decently designed carriages for us," broke in Jean. "What would you consider a good health design?"

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"This would save many a speck in the eye, too," I added.

"In the meantime," said Jean, "What am I going to do about my cold?"

"There's only one thing to do," I assured her. "Go home and spend the first day in bed and take plenty of fluid. Not only will you keep the disease to yourself during its most effective stage, but you can tell your business boss that the human body does more and better work during a cold if the first day is spent lying full length in bed."

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By NORA S. McDOUGALL

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On surveying their new domain they were appalled at the sight of the kitchen, with its meagre amenities, its ugly, begrimed walls flaunting a green dado.

Something must be done before furniture could enter the doors, so they bought paint and brushes and shopped for furniture, but prices for furniture in relation to quality dismayed them.

Then they hit upon an idea. They saw no reason why they could not make the necessary pieces themselves, although neither had had any experience in cabinet-making. While her husband constructed the furniture, the wife was planning her color schemes and was busy with the curtains, bed covers, and painting the walls of the kitchen.

And so, in a few weeks, they had constructed a set of interior furnishings which have given them pleasure and interest in the making, to say nothing of the boost to their ego of accomplishment.

Next week I will show you more pictures along with the floor plan and give costs of furnishing this flat.



COLOR PLAYS an important role in the charm of this flat. Living-room and bedroom face west, so due consideration was given to aspect. Soft grey-green felt covers floor to combat heat and glare, while subdued reds and dash of yellow give a cheery uplift to sunless mornings.



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The skin game

By CAROLYN EARLE

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Inexpensive cuts of meat and the cheaper vegetables enter the luxury class by careful choice of flavorings, clever use of sauces, a touch of imagination in serving, and a spirit of adventure in trying new combinations.

Foods long missing are gradually reappearing on the market, giving a freshened interest to meal planning and encouragement to the new home-maker... try them as they come... don't be afraid to experiment.

The dishes illustrated, and others like them, will give a lift to your menus and help to spin out the meat ration, too.

DEVILED SWISS STEAK

One and a half pounds round steak, fat, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 teaspoon brown sugar, 1 level teaspoon dry mustard, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 sliced onion, 1 carrot, 1½ cups water, ½ cup tomato juice (or pulp of ripe tomatoes), 1 dessertspoon Worcestershire sauce.

Cut steak into service-sized pieces, rub well with flour, mustard, salt, and brown sugar mixed together. Brown lightly in hot fat. Remove, add balance of flour and brown. Stir in water, tomato juice, or pulp and Worcestershire sauce. Place meat in casserole dish, add liquid, cover and bake in a moderate oven (350deg. F.) 1 to 1½ hours. Add sliced onion and carrot, correct seasoning. Cook a further 45 to 50 minutes. Pour to six servings.

DOUBLE-CRUST KIDNEY AND BACON PIE

One ox kidney (or 6 sheep's kidneys), 1lb. bacon, 1½ cups water, salt, pepper, pinch of herbs, 1 dessertspoon chopped onion, ½ teaspoon lemon juice, 1 tablespoon flour, 12oz. shortcrust pastry.

Soak kidney 1 hour in salted water, remove skin, cut in cubes. Toss well

FOR AUTUMN dinner or winter luncheon: a hearty dish of savory Spanish mince meat, with creamed onion topping... crisp cubes of fried bread form the border... A tempting concoction for cold weather appetites... good to look at, simple to make, and very easy on the budget.

In seasoned flour, place in saucepan and sprinkle with balance of flour. Add chopped bacon, herbs, onion, salt, pepper, lemon juice, and water. Stir until boiling, reduce heat and simmer gently until tender, 1 to 1½ hour; cool before using.

Roll out pastry and line an 8in. tart-plate, reserving sufficient pastry to cover top. Fill with meat mixture which has been allowed to become cold. Brush edge of pastry with milk, cover with remainder of pastry, pressing edges well together. Slit top to allow steam to escape, brush with milk. Bake in a hot oven (450deg. F.) 30 to 35 minutes—reducing heat after first 10 minutes. Pour to six servings.

SOUTHERN SAVORY PIE

Two cups diced cold meat (lamb or beef), 1 grated carrot, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, 1 teaspoon celery salt, pinch of herbs, 1½ tablespoons flour, 1½ cups water, 1 cup mashed pumpkin, 1 cup mashed sweet potato, knob of butter, grate of nutmeg.

Combine meat, carrot, onion, salt, and herbs. Blend flour with some of the water, add to meat mixture with balance of water. Bring to boil and simmer 5 minutes. Turn into a greased pie-dish. Mix hot mashed pumpkin and sweet potato, beat smooth with butter and nutmeg. Spread over meat mixture in casserole. Bake 15 to 20 minutes in hot oven until thoroughly heated and browned on top. For four.

SPANISH MINCEMEAT—

CREAMED ONION TOPPING

One and a half pounds minced steak, 2 cups water (or stock), 1 cup diced celery, 1 carrot, 1 medium-sized potato, 1 teaspoon herbs (or fresh mint, parsley, and thyme), 1 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon chutney, 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, 1lb. onions, 1½ cups medium thickness white sauce, chopped capsicum or parsley.

Combine steak, celery, grated car-

rot and grated potato, herbs, salt, chutney, and lemon rind. Add water, cover tightly and simmer over very low heat 1 to 1½ hours.

Cook onions whole in boiling salted water until just tender. Drain and place on top of meat mixture in ovenproof dish. Coat with sauce and place in moderate oven until thoroughly heated. Serve piping hot, sprinkled with chopped capsicum or parsley and ringed with fried bread cubes. Pour to six servings.

SEASONED LAMB CHOPLETS

Six lamb chump chops, 1 cup breadcrumbs, 1 teaspoon butter or fat, salt, pepper, 1 teaspoon fresh herbs (mint, parsley, thyme), pinch nutmeg, little grated lemon rind, 1 dessertspoon minced onion, 1 tablespoon chopped pineapple (may be omitted), little egg or milk to bind.

Trim chops and match in pairs. Combine ingredients for seasoning, spread on one chop of each pair. Place second chop on top and skewer or tie securely. Bake 1 to 1½ hour in a moderate oven, cooking baked vegetables with the meat for the last 30 or 40 minutes. Remove skewers and serve with mint sauce. Pour to six servings.

CHEESED SPAGHETTI ON TOAST

One and a half cups cooked spaghetti or macaroni (short lengths), 1 cup thick white sauce, 1 firm tomato, 3 tablespoons grated cheese, salt, pepper, 1 teaspoon chopped onion, breadcrumbs, squares of toast.

Drain spaghetti or macaroni thoroughly and combine with the white sauce. Add salt, pepper, onion, cheese, and chopped tomato. Reheat thoroughly and pile on to hot toast squares. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and grated cheese, place under grill for a few minutes to brown crumbs and soften cheese. Dust with paprika or finely chopped parsley. Serve very hot. Pour to six servings.



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FOR CHILLY EVENINGS... a
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the eggs and use 2 tablespoons
soft white breadcrumbs to every
1lb. flour. Result will please you.

CAKES... and puddings

● Chocolate - flavored
cakes and puddings—
easy to make and
delicious—head the
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THE first prizewinner,
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ding, has a tangy
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after a baked meat main dish.

Chocolate is gradually becoming
more plentiful... the dark, un-
sweetened type gives best results in
cakes and puddings.

For a more economical sweet, sub-
stitute cocoa for chocolate.

SEVILLE CHOCOLATE PUDDING

Two ounces butter or margarine,
2oz sugar, 2 eggs, 3oz grated choco-
late, 1 pint milk, 6oz fine white
breadcrumbs, pinch salt, 1 teaspoon
vanilla, 2 tablespoons marmalade.

Cream butter or margarine and
sugar, add vanilla and egg-yolks,
beat well. Dissolve grated choco-
late in slightly warmed milk. Pour
on to crumbs and allow to stand
a few minutes. Stir crumb mixture
into creamed butter and sugar, and
lastly fold in egg-whites—beaten
stiffly with pinch of salt. Grease
a pudding basin, spread marmalade
on the bottom. Pour in mix-
ture, cover with greased paper, and
steam 1½ to 2 hours. Turn out
and serve with marmalade sauce.

Marmalade Sauce: Simmer 2
tablespoons marmalade with 1 cup
water and 1 tablespoon sugar for
10 minutes. Add 1½ teaspoons corn-
flour blended with a little water.
Stir until boiling and simmer 5
minutes.

First Prize of £1 to Mrs. D. Wil-
son, Tweed St., Southport, Qld.

KENTISH CAKE

Four ounces margarine or butter,
1 cup sugar, 1 cup self-raising flour,
2 tablespoons coconut (may be
omitted), 2 tablespoons cocoa, 2
eggs, 1 cup sultanas, 1 cup chopped
nuts and cherries, 1 cup milk, 1
teaspoon vanilla or almond essence.

Cream margarine or butter and
sugar, add essence and beaten eggs.
Blend cocoa smoothly with the milk,
and add to creamed mixture. Fold
in coconut and fruit. Lastly add
sifted self-raising flour. Turn
into a greased bar-tin, or 5-inch
cake-tin, and bake 1 hour in a
moderate oven (350deg. F.). When
cold coat with chocolate icing and
sprinkle with chopped nuts.

Consolation Prize of 2/6 to Mrs.
E. Clarke, 119 Hotham St., East
St. Kilda, Vic.

ORANGE CARAMEL PUDDING

Two ounces sugar, 2½ cups fine
white breadcrumbs, 1oz margarine
or butter, 1 cup hot milk, grated
rind and juice of 1 orange, 1 egg.
Combine sugar and breadcrumbs.
Melt margarine or butter in hot milk
and pour over breadcrumbs. Set



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aside for 10 minutes. Add orange
rind and juice to beaten egg, and
fold into breadcrumb mixture. Pour
into greased pldish and bake 30
minutes in a moderate oven
(350deg. F.). Sprinkle top thickly
with sugar and caramelise under
red-hot grill.

Consolation Prize of 2/6 to Miss
A. Fitzgerald, 17 Lucas Rd., Bur-
wood, N.S.W.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE

Three-quarters cup sugar, 2oz.
margarine or butter, 1 tablespoon
cocoa, 1 egg, 1½ cups self-raising
flour, 1 cup milk, 1 cup boiling
water, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Cream margarine or butter with
sugar and cocoa. Add beaten egg,
milk, and vanilla. Stir in sifted
flour and lastly fold in the boiling
water.

Pour in two greased 7-inch sand-
wich-tins and bake in a moderate
oven (375deg. F.), 20 to 25 minutes.
Do not open oven door for at least
10 minutes. When cold, sandwich
with mock cream or marmalade fill-
ing.

Consolation Prize of 2/6 to Mrs.
G. Clarke, 366 Springvale Rd.,
Forest Hill, Vic.

Preparing for winter

By SISTER MARY JACOB

WITH the days getting shorter and
colder, adjustments must be
made in diet, clothing, exercise, and
the daily routine of your babes and
toddlers.

The time for the daily sunbath
must be changed, more "fuel" foods
given, and sufficient outdoor exer-
cise assured.

Clothing and out-clothes have also
to be adapted to the colder weather.

A leaflet dealing with these winter
adjustments can be obtained from
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